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From the Vice Captain – James Bayly

Club and Minor Championships

Members are reminded that the 2012 Club, Junior, Veteran and Minor Championships begin on Saturday 4 February. All members with full playing rights and an Australian golf handicap are eligible and encouraged to play. Entry into the competition must be made on the day of the first round before teeing off, however it is requested that entrants in the Club and Junior Championships contact the Golf Shop by Thursday 2 February as it would be preferable for these golfers to be drawn to play together.

The stroke play event is played over four rounds (4, 11, 12 and 18 February), for the Club and Junior Championships, and three rounds (4, 11 and 18 February), for Veteran and Minor Championships. The Minor Championship is for golfers with handicaps of ten and over with the number of entrants in each of the three minor divisions being determined by dividing the total number of entrants into three groups of nearly equal numbers according to handicap range.

The Club Championship date was brought forward this year so this event would be played in better weather and course conditions than we typically have had in the Spring. As this is a significant Board Event, we would encourage all members to play if available on the dates.

Junior Golf

Green Acres has always been proud of its junior golfers and we continue to offer a number of programs to support this initiative. We currently offer an under 21 year old program that includes skill training followed by nine holes of golf. In addition, there is a regular Sunday program open to members and non members between the ages of 8 to 14 that focus on golfing fundamentals. Both programs have vacancies and members are encouraged to contact the Golf Shop for further information.

A BBQ Golf function is scheduled for Wednesday 22 February for all junior golfers and their parents. This event will also include lessons and course play. All juniors are encouraged to attend this free event. Please contact the Golf Shop for further information.

Applications are currently being considered for the Ray Doherty Scholarship and we anticipate announcing the successful recipient in the next two weeks.

Weekly Results

Saturday 21 January – Stableford

A – Richard Adezio	(9)	43pts	
B – Tom Williams	(18)	40pts	C/B
C – Steve Bell	(26)	37pts	C/B

Sunday 22 January – Stableford

A – Tony Say	(13)	41pts	
B – Gavin Fraser	(25)	41pts	
C – Byron Tan	(29)	42pts	C/B

Monday 23 January – Stableford

A – Evan Tronerud	(24)	42pts	
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Tuesday 24 January – Ladies Stableford

A – Cheryl Grieve	(17)	41pts	
B – Gwenda Walker	(35)	37pts	

Wednesday 25 January – Par

A – Pat Browne	(15)	+6	
B – Lee Zolotas	(19)	+2	C/B
C – Ian Ridge	(25)	+4	C/B

Thursday 26 January – Medley Stableford

A – James Stewart	(13)	43pts	
B – Jim Anemikos	(20)	40pts	
C – Bruce McInerney	(36)	39pts	

Member Voluntary Garden Program

A number of members have expressed interest in assisting the course staff with suitable projects on the course. Mat was very appreciative of the effort of a number of members who assisted with the greens renovation and we would like to continue this on a regular basis. We propose to have members assist on Friday 10 February at 8am. Please advise the office if you are available to participate. Any support will be appreciated.

Temporary Local Rules

The current temporary local rule regarding the scarifying of fairways on holes 1 to 18 will be removed as from Monday 30 January 2012.

From The Rule Book

Robyn's tee shot at the 11th hole finishes in a section of GUR on the green. Her nearest point of relief from the GUR is off the green, and she proceeds to drop the ball correctly. Robyn 2 putts for par. Her marker then questions her actions.

What is Robyn's correct score?

- a) 3 b) 4 c) 5

Answer over page

From the Ladies

The 2012 golfing year is upon us. Entry sheets for the Club Championships, Captain's Trophy and Round Robin Matchplay will be available on the notice board on President's Day Tuesday 31 January. Please place your names on the appropriate sheets after checking your availability for all rounds. We encourage all lady members to participate.

From the General Manager – Ian Robertson

Twilight Golf

Twilight Golf and Dinner kicked off again this Wednesday and our chef, Sarosh produced another outstanding meal for our attendees. This event will continue every Wednesday until Daylight Saving ends. The Friday night Twilights were to commence from Friday 27 January but due to a lack of bookings will start on 10 February and 9 March. These events are excellent value for money and are a great way to introduce guests and showcase Green Acres.

Clubhouse Series 1 Debenture Offer & ASF Project Certification

If members have any questions regarding the Clubhouse Series 1 Debenture Offer or ASF donation registration process, please contact the General Manager Ian Robertson, either by email at ian.robertson@greenacresgolf.com.au or at the Club Office on 9859 1294.

From the Functions Coordinator – Paul Dundas

Mixed Foursomes Golf and Dinner – Sunday 29 January

The Mixed Foursomes Golf and Dinner event will be held on Sunday 29 January in conjunction with the WJ Dawson 18 Hole Foursomes Championship. Members and their guests are welcome to play in the event. Bookings are now available online via the Club website. For more information about this golf and dinner event please contact Paul Dundas on 9859 1294 or email functions@greenacresgolf.com.au

Answer from The Rule Book

c) Rule 25-1b (iii).

If the ball lies on the putting green, the player must lift the ball and place it, without penalty, at the nearest point of relief that is not in a hazard or, if complete relief is impossible, at the nearest position to where it lay that affords maximum available relief from the condition, but not nearer the hole and not in a hazard. Penalty for breach of rule 25-1b (iii) Match Play – Loss of hole. Stroke – 2 stroke penalty.

From the Golf Operations Manager – Dan Cromie

Golf Bunker Tips – Understanding the Club Head

Under normal circumstances we use an open club face with the sand wedge to play a bunker shot. There are two reasons, firstly it helps us get the ball airborne quicker and secondly the sole of the club head is in a position to displace the sand behind the ball easier. An open club face also prevents digging into the sand. You need to make sure you keep your hands in line with the ball and not in front of it. This helps to utilise the bounce on the sole of the club head. Remember to swing harder by taking more swing because you need to get the club head through the sand and follow through with the shot.

When playing out of wet sand, the club head needs to be square to the target so that the bottom edge of the club face can cut through the sand better. If your club face is open it will bounce off the sand. Often a softer swing is needed.

Yellow Range Balls

Can members please not remove yellow range balls from the 10th fairway which the golf instructors use during their golf lessons. The supply of balls is becoming an issue for Michael and Brian and your assistance with this matter would be appreciated.

Golf Shop Specials

Mens and Ladies Footjoy shoes now start from just \$159.00. Features and benefits include full grain leather and a waterproof warranty.

From the Course Superintendent – Mat Poultney

The concrete slab for the new practice nets at the practice putting area was poured during the week. After the slab has cured, synthetic grass will be installed followed by the poles and netting. Plants for the putting green surrounding areas will be planted in the coming week.

Fairways are recovering nicely from the recent scarify renovation. The areas which have been slower to recover have been where thatch levels were at their thickest. This scarify should help in relieving the playing surfaces from silt deposits from recent flood events. All fairways will be verti-drained heading into the winter period to further alleviate silt deposits and to also help with surface drainage. Greens will be given a dust early in the coming week to further help with thatch build up and surface evenness.