



THE SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB NEWS

FRIDAY 28TH JANUARY 2010

News from the Board of Directors

News from the meeting of the Board of Directors on Thursday 27th January includes a detailed update from the Finance Committee on the financial performance and position of the Club.

Over the first half of this financial year the club is slightly ahead of budget with a net profit of \$135,000 after depreciation. However, this is substantially behind last financial year as a direct result of the 1.1 metres of rain the club has received in the past 4 months. No that is not a typo, 1.1 metres!

The Board has approved expenditure on the following items/projects in the coming months:

The playing area of the 4th fairway will be resurfaced in early March. The process will be to poison the existing grass in February, then in March rotary hoe and reshape the area to improve drainage with a small amount of sub-surface drainage added. The entire area will then be re-turfed. The hole will be closed from mid February and Hole 2B will be in play for up to 8 weeks. Please note that this is remedial work and is not a "total reconstruction" of the 4th hole and will cost approximately \$35,000.

A root barrier will be installed down the left side of the 3rd fairway and down the right side of the 15th fairway to stop the tree roots invading the fairway and removing the nutrients

from the turf and soil. This will be completed in February/March costing approximately \$25,000.

The **pump station** that is located behind the 15th green has been operating at a diminishing capacity for sometime and this month had a major upgrade to replace some of the 12 year old pumps that irrigate our course at a cost of \$25,000.

Two areas on the lower level of the clubhouse have been weakened from seepage from the loading dock over many years and after having an engineer and a number of builders inspect the areas of concern the **loading dock will be re-surfaced** and water-proofed in February at a cost of \$17,000.

The protective fence on the left of the 18th tee will be extended 4 metres higher to provide additional protection to our members on the 18th tee. This will be completed in early February at a total cost of \$10,000.

The Board has also budgeted **\$250,000 to construct a concrete cart path on most holes on the back nine.** The Board are currently assessing the tenders received and it is forecast that in early March construction will commence on new cart paths. This project will take 4 - 6 weeks to complete.

PLEASE TURN OVER THE PAGE

COMING EVENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT!

Friday 25th February at 7pm, \$5 per person, bookings to office.

JAZZ ARVO

4:30pm Sunday 27th March - all members and guests welcome

CART USAGE

Please keep your cart on the cart paths whenever you are within 30 metres of a tee or green



THE SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB NEWS

FRIDAY 28TH JANUARY 2010

PAGE 2

Looking further ahead in 2011 the Board have agreed to budget **\$550,000 to re-develop the 1st hole.** This will focus on new drainage and irrigation for the fairway. Additional funds will be required to also redevelop the 1st tee and green and the Finance Committee will recommend to the Board in June if additional funds are/are not available. It is expected that a detailed report will be provided to all members in early March when the budget is finalised. We anticipate that this project will start in September.

SOCIAL GOSSIP

Friday 4th February is the Nine & Dine at 4pm with an outstanding Ala Carte Menu afterwards. On Sunday 6th February our Caterers Nigel and Janette Leishman will be conducting a "**Sunday Breakfast**" from 7:30am to 10:00am for all members and their friends. This is a trial event to see if there is interest from members to continue Sunday Breakfasts on a regular basis in the future. The continental and buffet breakfast is \$20 per person and bookings are essential.

All of the Club's major beverage suppliers have informed us of increases as of February and hence all beverage prices will increase by 2.7%. All catering prices will also increase on 1st February and I would encourage all members to support our Caterers Nigel and Janette during these challenging times of extensive rainfall.

COURSE CLOSED

The Course will be closed from Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th February for course renovations. I have organised for all members to have a game on Tuesday 8th Feb. at Robina Woods Golf Club in a competition and including a cart for \$40 per person. Please ring Robina Woods on 5553 7520 to make a booking asap.

Whilst the course is closed the Bar will be open each day from midday to 6:30pm, however the Kitchen will be closed over these 3 days.

Our Chef Nigel has received some requests from members and so will be offering take-
vb home meals for members each and every day of the week. Meals will be sufficient for two people at a total cost of \$10.90 and will include Tandoori Chicken and Beef Stroganoff.

SAFETY

Please remember that course staff do have right of way. It has been reported that a course staff member was put at risk recently when a player hit a shot over his head. The staff member was not aware the player intended to play the shot whilst he was in range. This is a dangerous practice and must not be repeated. The course staff are working hard (including substantial overtime) to restore the course following the rain events of recent weeks and mowing in particular must proceed without undue delay. If you need to wait for a mower to get out of range, please be patient.

PENNANTS

Division 1 Pennants commences on Sunday 13th March and we are the defending champions! At present we do not have a major sponsor for the Pennant Team and if any member is interested in this opportunity please see me or a Director asap.

THANK YOU

It has been almost four years since I was fortunate enough to join Southport Golf Club as your General Manager and I have absolutely loved being a part of such a great club. In particular the friendships and support from members and staff has been amazing. Yesterday I resigned from Southport Golf Club and I will finish here in mid March to relocate back to Brisbane with my wife to start as the new General Manager of Royal Queensland Golf Club. I sincerely hope that I get the opportunity to see you over the coming 6 weeks to express my thanks to you.

Kind Regards,

Andrew Kirkman, General Manager.