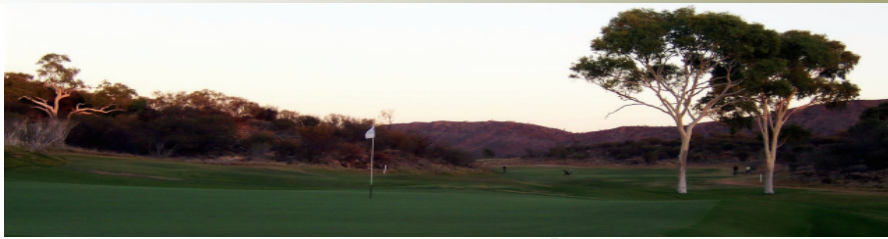


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Upcoming Events

Saturday 14th August
Single Stableford

Sunday 15th August
Single Stableford

Saturday 21st August
Single Stableford
1/4finals Club Championship

Sunday 22nd August
Single Stableford
Semi finals
Club Championship

Saturday 28th August
Single Stableford
36 Hole Finals
Club Championship

Sunday 29th August
Holden Scramble

Saturday 4th September
Single Stroke Monthly Medal

Sunday 5th September
Single Stableford

Saturday 11th September
Single Stableford - Vets

Sunday 12th September
Single Stableford

Friday 17th - Sunday 19th
Sports Ministers Cup Darwin

Saturday 18th September
Single Stableford

Sunday 19th September
Single Stableford



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HOTEL CASINO



SPONSORS NIGHT

On behalf of the members, the management committee and staff of the ASGC I thank you for your invaluable and continued support of our Golf Club.

Well what an amazing journey it has been over the last 2 1/2 years.

We started with a club that was in a very precarious position, but with a lot of planning, hard work and most of all faith a dedicated group of people set about reversing this clubs fortunes.

One of the most vital components of our plan is, all of you, our valued sponsors. It is abundantly clear that without your considerable contributions, whether in cash or in kind that the position of the club would be significantly different.

You're ongoing support has allowed the club to maintain the golfing facility for all members of the community, whilst also allowing for an improvement to the clubhouse amenities. (An area which has been neglected for a long time)

From the commencement of my time as President I have continuously emphasised the importance of acknowledging our sponsorship partners and to continually try to value add to their involvement in the club.

Although we occasionally make a mistake, we must be doing something right most of the time. The first year saw sponsorship of \$110 thousand raised with the introduction of the Partners program.....cont. page 2

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SPONSORS NIGHT...

.....The second year has seen an increase to \$190 thousand in cash and in kind. And the budget for the coming year is around \$250 thousand.



These sorts of increases only come about because people see that being a part of this organisation, as it grows, is both beneficial to them personally and from a business perspective.



The management committee and the club management will continue to do everything possible to further improve the clubs position and to consolidate the solid position that it finds itself in today.



At our AGM later this year, the members get the opportunity to decide whether they have had enough of me or not. So I will take this opportunity to publically thank my fellow board members. The sailing hasn't always been smooth, but I could not have asked for a better crew.



On a personal note I would like to offer a very sincere thank you to you our sponsors, for your support, it has made the job of being President of this club a hell of a lot easier than it would have been without it.



Thank You.



GOLF NEWS



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REAL ESTATE

In June, the **Singles Handicap Championships** were held. Charles Gamon & Bianca Gordon are our 2010 Singles Handicap Champions. Charles defeated Chris Hume in the men's event.

It was a hard fought battle in the women's final, with both women square after 18 holes. It wasn't until the 20th hole that Bianca claimed the Championship from Nikki Eaton.

Recent Championships:

Congratulations to our members who have won Club Championships in recent weeks.

Foursomes Championship winners:

Men's - Leigh Shacklady & Merv Sweeney
R/up - Lance Godwin & Chris Hume

Women's - Helen Neave & Tanya Kirker
R/up - Sarah Shacklady & Claire Donnelly

Men's Nett Champions: T Wells & J Hastier

Women's Nett Champions: S Purdie & L Furber

2010 Strokeplay Champions:

Kerryn Heaver & Helen Neave

A Grade R/up: Leigh Shacklady & Sarah Shacklady

B Grade: Brian Pepper & Lynda Galinat

R/up: Jason Meredith & Joanne Hansen

C Grade: Akaash Chand & Sarah Purdie

R/up: David Squire & Leanne Leerson

A Grade Nett: Tyson Gordon & Helen Neave

B Grade Nett: Barry Fischer & Lynda Galinat

C Grade Nett: David Squire & Sarah Purdie



NORTHLINE



CHIEF MINISTER'S CUP



The 2010 Chief Minister's Cup was held 16th - 18th July in Darwin at the Humpty Doo and Palmerston Golf Clubs. The country team were attempting to defend the cup they won in Alice Springs in April 2009. This year the team comprised Mark Holt from Katherine, Anthony Quayle from Gove and 8 players from Alice Springs. The Alice Springs players were Tyson Gordon, Michael Green, Kerryn Heaver, Jason Howard, Chris Hume, Sean O'Brien, Merv Sweeney and Leigh Shacklady. The opening day was held at Humpty Doo & Area Golf Club and after the morning 4BBB matches it was tied at 2 wins each. City then won the afternoon foursomes 2 1/2 to 1 1/2 to lead 4 1/2 to 3 1/2 at the end of day 1.

City routed Country 3 matches to 1 in the morning

4BBB matches at Palmerston on day 2 to lead 7 1/2 to 4 1/2.

Country then played some inspired golf to win the foursomes matches 3 to 1.

This left City leading 8 1/2 to 7 1/2 with the 10 singles matches to be played on the final day.

Sean O'Brien lead out for Country and smashed his opponent to win 5/4. Anthony Quayle defeated Glenn Koch 1up in a thriller. Michael Green was defeated by Craig Game 5/4 and this left the contest all tied. Country then won the next two matches through Chris Hume and Kerryn Heaver to edge in front. City fought back winning the next 3 matches. This left City just in front with 2 matches still to be decided. Mark Holt was 1 down with 3 to play before he won the

16th and 17th holes only to see his opponent win the 18th hole .

Merv Sweeney then won the 18th hole to win his match 2up. This left each team with 13 points and a drawn result. As the current holders of the cup, Country retained the cup for another year.

It was a real team effort with all players contributing wins at vital times. Anthony Quayle, Kerryn Heaver and Merv Sweeney all won 3 matches out of 5. Jason Howard won 2 and halved one match and Mark Holt from Katherine contributed a win and a half from 3 matches.

Major Sponsor Imparja were represented by Alistair Feehan and Steve Rattray. Both Al and Steve caddied as well as providing support and it was greatly appreciated.



Veteran News

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11 intrepid Alice Springs Veteran Golfers made their way to Darwin for the NT Veterans Championship held at the Darwin Golf Club on the 24th and 25th of May.

This was the best representation from Alice Springs ever and hopefully we will see similar numbers for next year's event to be held in Palmerston. Any hopes that the Wet Season had actually finished in the Top End were very quickly dashed, and The Centralians were greeted with hot and humid conditions. Fortunately the Darwin Vets had organised carts for everybody over the two days which was greatly appreciated. A shotgun start each day meant that all golfers finished around about the same time, and this enhanced the social side of the event, with opportunities for everyone to have a relaxing drink and

In terms of results it was not to be Alice Springs' year, but all The Alice golfers acquitted themselves well under trying conditions. The final dinner and presentation night was well attended and our congratulations go to Alan Grove and his committee for a very successful and well run event. A number of the Vets stayed on in The Top End to participate in The N.T. Open Championships held at the Palmerston club. Once again the weather was very hot and humid, and the trying conditions made for a very challenging few days. (Especially for those that had to walk). The majority of scores were on the high side, but an experience none-the-less. Our captain Paul Pearson is to be congratulated for putting in 4 consistent scores in the B grade, that saw him playing in the second last group on the final day. And he walked!!

For those of you that might be interested, The Australian Veterans Golfers Union National Championship 2010 is being held from the 8th November to the 12th November in NSW. At the Camden Haven, Port Macquarie, and Wauchope Veteran Golf Clubs. Entry forms may be found on the web site: www.nswvga.com.au good luck to those that might be going. Just to finish up, the last lot of benches donated by the Vet's club have now been put up around the course; our thanks to the great maintenance staff. Don't forget that Vets Golf is every Tuesday, with a monthly medal held on the same day as the Club monthly medal.

David Evans El Presidente Vets Golf

Match Committee News

Scorecards

All scorecards need to be accounted for and should be handed in at the completion of your game (even if you had a terrible game and/or disqualified yourself). Please make the Match Committee and the Handicapper's job easier by ensuring your card is returned to the box after your game.

Golf Rules DVD

Want to get yourselves au fait with the rules in visual way? We have copies of a DVD to loan to members – see a Match Committee Member or ask at the Office.

Rakes in bunkers

Remember members, rakes in bunkers should be in the

bunker, not on the edge, and should be facing parallel to the flag - not sideways so that your ball is stopped by the rake entering the bunker proper, it makes your bunker shot a lot easier when it is not up against the edge!



Rule of the Week

- Looking for a ball -

You have a maximum of 5 minutes to find your ball from the time you begin searching. After this time has run out, the ball is classed as lost, and you have to take a drop on the spot where the last stroke was played from, incurring one penalty stroke.



**The Holden Scramble is on again -
Sunday 29th August 2010,
Am & Pm Shotgun Starts
Entries available at the Pro Shop.
Get your entry in soon**



Tax Return Time is Here!

With the new financial year now underway, it's time to start thinking about that dusty shoe box of receipts under your bed and to begin preparing to have your 2010 individual tax return completed. It's important to remember that tax time need not be a stress and with the right preparation and a little planning you can save yourself time, money and frustration. Below are a few simple tips to help minimise stress and maximise your return:

Be organised – Separate your business and personal transactions and sort your receipts. This is a time-consuming task for your accountant and therefore costly for you. Maintaining a simple register can help save you money.

Be prepared – Remember to bring all your information to complete your return, e.g. PAYG Summary, Dividend statements, Rental Property summaries, Log book to claim Motor Vehicle expenses, Travel Diary for trips to inspect the rental property, Receipts for donations and other eligible deductions. Visit www.hasbs.com.au to download your free tax checklist.

The ATO is watching – each year the tax office pays particular attention to:

Interest Received – ensuring that Interest Received on bank account is correctly reported.

Work expenses – ensuring there is sufficient documentation to support your claims for expenses.

Rental Expenses – as per work expenses there must be documentation to support claims against rental income.

Refund fraud – Lodging your tax return with an unregistered Tax Agent increases the likelihood of your return containing inaccurate information which may lead to an audit from the ATO.

If you're unsure where to get your tax done call HAS on 08 8951 0100 to make an appointment and don't forget to ask about their special tax time offers. If you are approaching a new accountant you must make contact with them prior to the ATO's October 31 deadline.

Being organised will help get you the best possible return.

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Sevens Golf



The Grand Final for Division's 1 and 2 has been run and won for 2010, Division 3 play their Grand Final this week...

Division 1 -

Around the World 85 def 6 + Max 78.

A very high quality match as was to be expected for two teams at the peak of their powers in Division 1 resulted in Around the World making it back to back to back victories for the side, an unprecedented 3-peat in Sevens Golf. Inspirational leader, Lynda Galinat finished the season with a staggering 115 games under her belt while husband John managed 98 of his own. More importantly, Lynda scored 23 points for the team in the grand final to lead the scoring along with George Worrall (22), John Galiant (20), Richard Worrall (20) and Eric Lawson (20). John Graham top scored for 6 + Max in what was a valiant effort by the team to score 78, which would normally win more than a fair share of grand finals. Paul Letch scored 19 points, as did Mitchell Power and Georgi Winter. In the consolation final, Lasseters Hotshots survived a very close match against Fairway Miners 71-68 with Allan Duffell top scoring for the third placed winners with 19 points.

Division 2 -

Ruff Nuts 90 def Not as Reported 80.

There was fireworks in Division 2 as Ruff Nuts absolutely exploded in their Grand Final match against Not as Reported to take out the match 90-80. Ruff Nuts put up four scores of 21 points or better with Brad Tessman going deep to register 26 points. Barry Taylor scores 22 points for Ruff Nuts and was brought home by Ian Casltedine and Peter Thomson with 21 points each. Joshua Robinson top scored for Not as Reported with 21 points. Albert Tilmouth who has been a revelation for the team, again featured in the top four scorers with 20 points, as did James Nolan with 20 and Jim Einam with 19 points. Both teams should be applauded for their efforts over the season,

particularly Not as Reported who led the competition at the end of the regular season and who were very good in the final, but unfortunately, just one good score short.

The consolation final between VAGS and HAS Hackers was won by VAGS 73-65. Stephen Morris produced the match winning score for VAGS with 22, while Helen Neave was again very consistent to score 18, and lead the scoring for HAS Hackers.

Division 3 Grand Final Match - The Golferoo's vs Hardly Normal. How they got here - Hardly Normal produced a boilover against Ross Engineering in winning the match 80-69. Ross Engineering were unable to keep their rich vein of form going for two more weeks, as they ran out of steam in the Semi Final to produce what could possibly be their worst team score of the season. Paul Montefiore was in great touch for Hardly Normal to score 24 points and lead the side into the grand final match. He was joined by Kevin King (21), Greg Neck (18) and Tony Whitelum (17) as the top four scorers. Luke Richardson and Simon Nicol both shared the top honours for Ross Engineering with 19 points each, while Chris Kneebone (16) and Quinton Sidans (15) made up the top four. Ben Fisher and Carmelo Golotta combined to put The Golferoo's into the grand final with both players scoring 24 points in the 91-70 victory over That's Gold. Not to be outdone, Jody Jong produced a superb round also to score 23. Ryan Joiner and Cameron Cole scored 20 points each with one included in the top four scorers making up their total of 91. Claire Young led That's Gold with an individual tally of 23 points, however, the rest of the team were struggling for form and never looked like winning the match.

How they line up - Hardly Normal trail the Golferoo's in the average team score 77.41 - 63.00 but earlier season form can all but be discounted, after Hardly Normal scored 80 last week to eliminate the favourites Ross Engineering.

The Golferoo's will start the match slight favourites because of their consistency, but typically finals matches are decided by commitment by key team members more so than having players that can score 18 points regularly. The commitment comes in when a player returns a score of 18 or 19 and heads back out onto the course for another go. This can often lead to a capitulation in many players as they push themselves harder and harder to play well, only to see their ball striking head in the other direction, but some players can also thrive on it.

This match is likely to be decided by one of the higher handicappers, and The Golferoo's have a few of them in Ben Fisher (47 h'cp), Carmelo Golotta (41) and Giuseppe Spagnolo (50). Fisher and Golotta are both coming off rounds of 24 so we will wait and see if backing up two weeks in a row will be too much pressure or not. Cameron Cole is The Golferoo's main strike weapon, averaging 20.25 as his best weekly score during the season, while Hardly Normal will look to Paul Montefiore who has just rediscovered some form, and Chris Neck to lead their campaign.

In the Consolation Final it will be Ross Engineering up against That's Gold for third place.

Individually last week;

Office National Div 1 & 2 Grand Final/ Div 3 Semi Final - 176 rounds were returned with 44 balls rewarded to players on 19 points or better. Brad Tessman shot the lights out in scoring 26 points for the weekly winners prize. Ben Fisher, Carmelo Golotta and Paul Montefiore all played superb golf to finish with 24 points. Lynda Galinat and Claire Young were the best of the ladies in scoring 23 points each.

Lion Nathan XXX Div 3 Grand Final Draw:

37 - The Golferoos vs 27 - Hardly Normal

23 - Ross Engineering vs 34 - That's Gold



PRO SHOP NEWS

Package Sets

Stocktake specials this month include Shark XLT package reduced to half price - now only \$299. Maxfli Tour Select package was \$469, now only \$300. Both sets are right handed with steel shafted irons and graphite woods.



Ball Specials

Wilson 50 Elite are on special at \$29-95 a dozen. Also Bridgestone Treosoft are a low \$28-95 a dozen. Maxfli Tour Distance & Spin are only \$17-95 a dozen, Wilson Ultimate Distance are \$24-95 for a box of 15 for August only.

Ping New Product & Demo Day

Ping are about to release the new K15, Faith & S56 models. We are holding a demo day on Saturday 18th September.

Make sure you book a time to see Feres Trabilis to try the new range.

Golf Tip

With the cold and windy weather of recent weeks rhythm and timing are difficult. Try to control your swing speed (rhythm) in the windy conditions by swinging at a slightly lower speed than normal. The ball does not travel as far so take one more club and swing at 60%.

If hitting directly into the wind, swing slower than normal, particularly with driver. This imparts less backspin and you will maximise your distance. If you are faced with a cross-wind simply aim to left or right and allow wind to bring ball back to your target. Try not to hold your ball against the wind as it is much more difficult.

Tree Planting Sub-Committee



This committee is off and running; the most recent meeting was attended by Murray Neck, Nick Prus, Pat Gamble, Kevin King, Ian Builder and chaired by Brian Pepper.

You will see changes to the Course and surrounds in the next year.

Already you may have noticed young trees planted along the existing tree line on the 18th, 16th & 17th, and the 4th and 5th. Soon to come, between the 200m and 100m mark on the RH side of the 17th and the 1st. These areas will receive some attention when our hard working Ground Staff carry out allocated plantings.

Plans are in place to assist in the control of Mistletoe around the course, however this will take time as we do not have the resources/

equipment/ man hours to get control in the short term.

Changes to the left hand side of the first hole are planned, this will involve utilizing existing sand from our bunkers and will be long term project due to the existing salt areas. This planned project may not work, but, it will eliminate one course of action in an attempt to beautify this eyesore.

We are seeking further assistance, particularly the sourcing of suitable trees for future plantings and if you think you could assist please contact Brian Pepper.

We have been fortunate to receive trees from the Alice Springs Town Council and we thank Mayor Damien Ryan for his assistance.

This Committee is not tasked with the beautification of the Club -

House surrounds and the Car Parking area however we can direct any queries on this area to the Manager for attention of the Management Committee.

If you have an area on the Golf Course that you consider important to be looked at for future plantings, please let us know.

It is an exciting step forward, initially made possible by a our Club Patron, Murray Neck but I'm sure Murray would love to see others involved in planning for the future and any assistance would be gratefully received.

Keep em straight!

Brian Pepper



Around the Club

Firstly, congratulations to Nick and Agnieszka on their wedding in June.



AGM There are 3 positions on the Management Committee coming up for re-election this year - President, Vice President and a committee spot so think carefully of the future of the club and who you want to represent you on the committee.

Balcony A big thank you to Paul Graham from Asbuild for the excellent job on the balcony, it looks fantastic.



Paul also won the 1st (badge) draw last Friday night. He has generously donated the \$1250 towards the Cooper Rangji Mad-dock cause.

An Auction is being held on Tues 24th Aug 7-11pm at the Memo Club to help out our local boy who has recently been diagnosed with a brain tumor and has just started chemo in Adelaide. If you are interested in donating any items for the auction you can contact Caitlin Fullerton on 0407714450 or Ro Cunningham on 0428833987.



SUNDAY
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In the next issue:

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Desert Sport Foundation.....