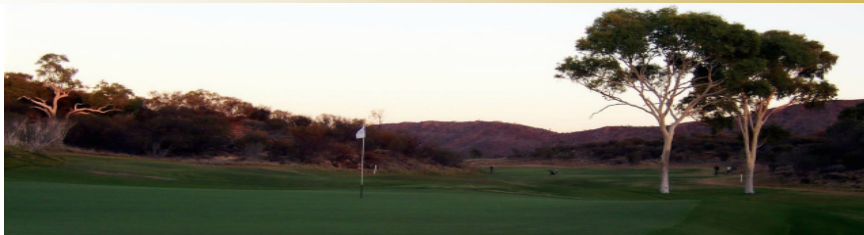


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May/June 2010

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Upcoming Events

Saturday 29th May

Single Stableford
NT Men's Open (Palmerston)

Sunday 30th May

Single Stableford
NT Men's Open (Palmerston)

Saturday 5th June

Single Stroke - Monthly Medal

Sunday 6th June

Single Stableford

Saturday 12th

Single Stableford Best 2 of 3

Sunday 13th

Single Stableford - Best 2 of 3

Monday 14th June

Single Stableford - Best 2 of 3

Saturday 19th June

Qualifying for
Singles Handicap Matchplay -
Top 8 qualify, men & women

Sunday 20th June

Single Stableford
Quarter finals
Singles Handicap Matchplay

Saturday 26th

Single Stableford
Semi-finals
Singles Handicap Matchplay

Sunday 27th

Single Stableford
Finals
Singles Handicap Matchplay



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Mixed Foursomes Champions 2010

The ASCG Mixed Foursome Championships were held over the weekend of 15/16 May. It was pleasing to see a large field of 34 pairs competing.

After the first day, the team of Lance Godwin and Helen Neave (81) were leading Leigh Shacklady and Claire Donnelly (82) and Ian Low and Celia Otley (82) by one shot. Nett winners on day one were Hunter Gottschalk and Belinda



Marian Delsar & Sean O'Brien
2010 Nett Champions

Mitchell (70.5)

The weather on Sunday was a little inclement with sporadic rain but this didn't worry the leaders - Godwin and Neave

who increased their lead to three shots, winning the Championship from Shacklady and Donnelly. Jason Howard and Jo Hansen and Sean O'Brien and Marian Delsar were equal 3rd. Day 2 nett winners were Sean O'Brien and Marian Delsar (69) and this pair took out the Nett Championship winning by 3 shots from Lance Godwin and Helen Neave and Hunter Gottschalk and Belinda Mitchell.

From the General Manager's Desk

In the past few weeks, we have received 146mm of rain, something that the course has not seen for at least 10 years.

I do apologize for the inconvenience caused by not allowing the usage of carts a couple times, but we have to protect the course in order for us to get through the next few months without too much winter damage.

Mower - With Management Committee approval I have purchased a brand new TORO GREENSMAS-

TER 3250D, it has a 21hp Daihatsu Diesel engine, Hydrostatic Transmission, On-board backlapping, Power Steering, 11 blade DPA cutting reels and lights. It comes with full two years of manufacturer warranty. Total cost including delivery and GST \$39,900.00, this purchase was financed thru ANZ Bank over period of 48 months with monthly payments set at \$996.17.



We will replace the two that died of natural causes last month, but we are still looking for one more used one - Will keep you informed.

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NT Women's Open 2010

The 2010 NT Women's open Championship was held at the Darwin Golf Club from 30 April – 3 May this year.

Eleven Alice Springs women golfers made the trip to Darwin for this year's event and they were joined in Darwin by ex Alice player, Kerry Baldissera who now lives on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland.

The foursomes gave the golfers a taste of the course and gave an idea of where not to hit in the 54 hole competition. Foursome winners were Toni McCormack and Cali Heap from Darwin Golf Club – defending champions from 2009.

The Championship event was held over 3 days for A, B and C grades. The fairways were in reasonable condition given that the Wet season was just finishing but if balls were hit off the fairway long grass and trees became an issue. The tight grass around the

greens meant an accurate pitch shot was needed and the greens were quite testy and a little faster than usual. By day three most players had improved their scores and Tanya Kirker was in 3rd place going into the final round. Tanya eventually finished 5th. Bren Boland returned commendable nett scores in her grade. The Champion for 2010 was Vicki Purser – a popular winner and she was also the NT Closed Champion.

Alice Springs players that participated were: Tanya Kirker, Helen Neave, Karen Hobbs, Celia Otley, Lyn Tieck, Jo Hansen, Marian Delsar, Bren Boland, Sandra Clyne, Jackie Kachel, and Annette Jamieson.

Next year the Championships will be held at the Alice Springs Golf Club.



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L'ORÉAL PARIS *Golf Day*

Farewell Karen



Helen Neave - A Grade Winner

We had a great turn out with 33 players participating in the L'Oreal Golf Day – thanks for supporting this day.

Winners were:

A Grade – Helen Neave - 35 points (c/b from Claire Donnelly)

B Grade – Marian Delsar – 45 points

C Grade – Margaret Cain – 40 points

Congratulations to these players and to Marian who also won the daily



Marian Delsar - B Grade Winner



Farewell drinks were held at the club after the L'Oreal Presentations for Karen Hobbs, one of our women golfing members. Karen has been a member for a few years and represented the Club at the 2009 Sports Minister's Cup and the 2010 NT Women's Open held in Darwin earlier this month. Karen and her husband George (a fellow golfer) are moving to America

Karen, we wish you all the best for the future and hope you come back to visit us sometime. We will miss you.





Veteran News



The Veteran report will not be seen in this newsletter as the male dinosaurs have escaped to a warmer climate! They are competing at the Veteran Championships and the NT Men's Open at Palmerston.

So watch this space for all the exciting news from our dinosaurs trip up north next issue!

PS As always the female dinosaurs will be holding the fort down here in the cold!

Good things about Golf!

Hooking your drive on a hole that dog-legs to the left!

Hitting a 9 iron all along the ground and stopping a foot short from the hole!

Bouncing off a rock onto the fairway!

Getting onto a deserted first tee!

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Sevens Golf

Round seven saw a club record 279 seven's rounds played. This is a great effort by all teams and players, thank you for supporting your club and hopefully everyone is enjoying their golf.

After round 9: 6+ Max, are leading Division 1 from Seven Wonders, both on the same points but 6+ Max has a higher for/against, Around the World in 3rd, Ruff Nuts lead Division 2 from Not As Reported

and VAGS a point behind. Whilst Ross Engineering have a handy lead over B Team in Division 3 followed by The Gapfillers. Balls went to all players who scored 19 points or above.



Match Committee News

Rules DVDs are now available for loan – see a Match Committee member or contact the office staff.

Hitting Up – there have been reports of players hitting up on groups. In the interest of safety please do not hit up on the group in front – please be patient and

wait a few extra minutes before you hit your shot.

Eclectic – a reminder that the eclectic has now closed for 2010 as of 30 April. Please remember to circle scores and put an E on the card so that Marian and Al can adjust your eclectic score.

Rule 4 – 3b – this was mentioned in the April

newsletter. Since then Golf Australia has put out an email resulting from an incident at the Australian Junior Boys Championship asking that all clubs enforce this rule. Copies of the email are posted on club notice boards.

Rakes in bunkers

Please place rakes well within the bunker pointing towards the green

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FILL YOUR DIVOTS

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.....FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER'S DESK

Bunkers -

The Course staff have been putting a lot of time into maintaining the bunkers here at ASGC, especially over the past month.

It is frustrating to pump out water, re-shape bunker faces and alleviate compaction, only to have to re-start the process all over again the following day/week.

They are doing their best to have the bunkers as consistent as possible but this is extremely hard with the current weather conditions and the lack of drainage throughout the bunkers.

At the moment it feels as though we are fighting a losing battle, but we want to provide the best course presentation and playability we can, hence the perseverance.

Like you, we would love to have the course bunkers all drained with complete sub-surface drains and a good sand profile, but as it is dry 90% of the time the cost of installing this is not viable at this stage.



YOUR MEMBER ACCOUNT . . . MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU AND EARN \$\$\$\$

As you know every member receives across the board loyalty discount of %5 on all food and beverage purchases....the discount does not apply to special events like the Club's Special Functions, but it does apply to every pot of beer, or meal you purchase using your card...

"What is the Members Card?"
Every Club member has a Member Account that can be accessed at the Bar using your membership card is an account designed to allow members to deposit funds voluntarily, use them whenever they wish and the funds never expire...it allows you to come to the Club without cash or cards!!

"How do I put funds into my member account?" should be your next question...
It is simple....funds can be deposited at the Bar or the Office...all you need is your membership card...

"How do I get the %5 discount?" should be your last query...
Firstly, make sure you have funds on your card....account balances can be checked by the staff at either the Bar or Office. If you are "cashed up", please inform the appropriate staff member at the Bar or restaurant that you will be paying for your food and drink using your membership account - it's that simple!

Loyalty Points - every time you use your membership card to buy products in the Bar or restaurant you receive "loyalty points" **Every \$1.00 = 1 point which in turn = \$0.03 credit on your card** (example - spend \$100 in the bar you will receive \$3.00 credit on your membership card. The more you spend the more you credits you earn.

Sorry, but you can't redeem this for cash, only to purchase meals or drinks in the clubhouse. This system does not apply for products or services purchased in the Pro-Shop.

We hope that every member takes advantage of this innovation and starts to earn \$\$\$ on all their F&B purchases as of July 1st, 2010.

As in every newsletter, please have those comments coming....the good, the bad and the ugly.

Nick Prus



Dear Members,

I came across article published by one of the golf clubs consultants groups and I hope that it help you to understand the challenges we face. It's not an ease job and you have my word we try our best to provide you with affordable and enjoyable meals.

Nick Prus - General Manager

So, why is a club not like a commercial restaurant?

Firstly, clubs have a smaller user group, with an average 400 members providing a potential customer base of around 1800, as opposed to a well positioned commercial restaurant which will typically have several hundred thousand.

In addition to a limited volume, a club must endeavor to provide 'traditional' fare for its senior members, progressively trendy menus for its younger professionals and casual/fast menus for the family oriented members.

Whilst most successful commercial restaurants will target only one of these user groups, a private club must

provide a 'one stop shop' of diverse dining opportunities for all.

Another challenge is the concept of 'value' which has become distorted in clubs. Value is defined as paying the right price for the quality received. Members however, typically consider the 'right' price for dining in a private club to be generally lower than that which would be paid for the same level of quality in a commercial environment.

The reasoning for this lower cost expectation stems from the fact that as monthly dues are payable, members believe that food outlets should charge little more than actual cost.

In reality, clubs exhibit a higher cost of sales than those larger commercial operations which have greater quantity purchasing power. Most clubs are, in comparison, classified as small food businesses and the actual cost of raw products is therefore inherently higher.

Private clubs' average food costs are 40-45pc whereas those of a full service commercial restaurant will be approximately 30pc.

The necessity for all club dining facilities to be open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner creates further inefficiencies including, but not limited to, staff rosters, associated payroll costs and food wastage.

Members expect a 'creative' kitchen which is able to satisfy.



HAS business solutions The Henry Report – What does it all mean?

The Henry Report had us all talking and some of us concerned about the potential tax reforms that would arise from its findings. What resulted was a series of relatively minor changes to the tax system, which with the approval of parliament will be phased gradually over future years. Amongst the recommendations were some key tax reforms that relate specifically to small business. Below is a brief snapshot of those recommendations adopted by Government.

- Reduction in company tax rate to 28% - small businesses will benefit from 2012-13, but it will be phased in for other companies (29% for 2013-14 and 28% from 2014-15)
- Small businesses will be able to immediately write-off assets valued at under \$5,000 (currently \$1,000) and all other assets (except buildings) will be written off in a single depreciation pool at a rate of 30% - this will apply from 1 July 2012
- Super contributions cap concession: workers aged 50 and over with super balances below \$500,000 will be able to make up to \$50,000 in annual, concessional superannuation contributions - to apply from 1 July 2012

Since releasing the report on Sunday, the Government has declared that further recommendations from the report may be adopted with the Federal Budget.

To see a more comprehensive list of adopted recommendations please visit www.hasbs.com.au and head to our 'News and Events' page for more info. Or if you seek further clarification please contact HAS Business Solutions on (08) 8951 0100 for assistance.

HAS are here to help you improve your financial position. If you have a particular question regarding tax or finance please email it to has@hasbs.com.au and we'll aim to answer your question in the next edition of the Golf Club newsletter.



Pro Shop News



Steve & Lyn Tieck



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Junior News

The Northern Territory junior team participated in the Australian Junior Championship and Interstate Teams matches at Launceston Golf Club in Tasmania in late April. Dylan Klowss (Alyangula Golf Club) shot rounds of 79, 69, 76,77 to finish at 301 and in a tie for 25th. Local junior Jake Hughes participated in his first NT Junior team and Australian Junior Championship and had rounds of 93 and 100.

In the teams matchplay NT finished 7th out of 8 teams with 1 contest win and 11 individual match wins. The highlight was a 3/2 win over South Australia on the first afternoon. The team then played consistently against all other states and won 1 to 1 1/2 matches against every-

one. This is the first time either Territory has not lost at least one match against a stronger State 5/0. Anthony Quayle recorded 5 wins from 7 matches, Dylan Klowss 3 wins and a squared match, Will Hetherington 2 wins and Andrew Wilson 1 win. Jake Hughes played 2 matches and whilst losing both enjoyed his first taste of interstate junior matchplay against more experienced opponents.

Taylor Made R9

The new Taylor Made R9 Supertri driver has just arrived featuring the Fujikura Motore 60 shaft. The shaft can be set at 4 different positions to help you achieve the optimal ball flight and distance. small to extra large.

The Burner Superfast driver has also been released and features a new head design with a lower centre of gravity as well as the Matrix Ozik xcon shaft. Both these drivers are available to test simply by booking a driver fit. Fittings are free of charge and allow you to compare your existing driver to the latest releases in the golf market.

Footjoy Glove Deal

Footjoy have released a Weathersof Glove value pack. This special features 2 Footjoy weathersof gloves for only \$27-95. Normally individual weathersof gloves are \$19-95 so this value pack is very good value. All men's sizes in left hand are available from small to extra large.

Golf Tip

Balance in the set up and golf swing is extremely important. Many players work on alignment of feet and shoulders when playing poorly. Often your weight distribution at set up and spine tilt are causes for off line shots. As part of your set up routine all three should be addressed. Firstly, when taking your stance your feet should be parallel to target line. Weight distribution should be even on each leg with a slight spine tilt to the right. To achieve the correct spine tilt your left hip moves a little to the target and your right shoulder away from target. This may give you the feeling of having a little weight on your right side. If you achieve good balance and spine tilt you should hit more solid shots and less offline shots.

Good Golfing

Steve & Lyn Tieck



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