

# Pacific Golf Club

## Match News February 2010



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## WELCOME!

Welcome Members' & Ladies to our first Newsletter for 2010. Hopefully the information provided will assist you in the coming months.

### Course

The golf course has recovered well after some welcomed rain over the Christmas & New Year period. The weather has been ideal for the newly laid turf areas on holes 1 & 18. The condition of the golf course has improved significantly due to the hard work of our ground staff along with our volunteers. The mounds on the green side on the 5<sup>th</sup> hole are now in play. If you land on the mounds they are an integral part of the course & the ball must be played as it lies.

### Course Open Hours

The Board has asked me to remind all members that the opening hours of the course for play are 6.00am through to 6.00pm. Our ground staff commence work at 4.00am and the Board has allowed ground staff un-interrupted access from golf between 4.00am and 6.00am daily.

### No golfers are to be on the course before 6-00am.

All members are reminded that if you are playing a non competition round or play, you are to 'clock in' with the pro shop prior to course access. The professionals are required to record all players/members on the course irrespective if players/members are playing in a competition or not.

There are a number of reasons this policy exists, not the least being un-interrupted maintenance access prior to 6.00am. Our ground staff and the professionals have been asked to ensure no players are on the course before 6-00am.

Signs have been posted at the club entry and in several places on the boundary fence stating the course hours for over twelve months now. We ask that these signs be respected as it appears that they are currently being ignored by some.

Members are reminded that when booking in for a social round you need to report to the Pro Shop prior to teeing off.

## Cart Paths

New cart paths are in the process of being constructed on the 'creek flats'. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> cart path project should be completed by the end of February, weather permitting. The Board has approved significant capital expenditure to ensure a close to all weather course is provided at most times.

As we reside partially on a flood plain of Bulimba Creek all weather access is difficult. Cart path construction will ultimately allow greater access and course protection when the 'flats' are wet following significant rain or flooding.

By keeping buggies on paths when weather conditions are unfavourable, the quality of our fairways should show significant improvement. Re-conditioning of the left side of the first fairway will be a priority upon completion of that cart path section. We will notify you of any course changes. Please read the local Rules Board.

Our thanks to members Terry Smith (concrete Terry) and Mike Hutchinson (Hanson Concrete) who both have ensured the project will be completed on time and economically.



Our thanks also to the tireless Tom Hogan who has managed to work another sandstone bridge into our landscape, and thanks to Wayne Roberts and Doug Smith for their ongoing assistance with Tom and voluntary work around the golf course.

## Slow Play

We had had a reasonably good 2009 with our pace of play but there are still instances of very slow play on the course. Members are reminded that we have a pace of play document stated in our club fixture book & please take the time to read it & be mindful of some of the penalties that can be applied. Pacific is notoriously a hard course to play especially when the course is set up for a Monthly Medal or a Blue Marker Friday. Players must keep up with the group in front & all Par 3's are compulsory call up holes. If a group falls behind due to a lost ball or hazard, please call the following group through.

## Repair Your Divots & Pitch Marks

Members are reminded to carry sand buckets & fill in divots wherever possible. To ensure a divot recovers quickly, chip in the sides of the divot & then a light covering of sand. The Golf Office along with our major sponsor Motorline BMW, has organised new sand buckets – please use them. It also doesn't take long to fix more than one pitch mark on the green so if necessary please do so.

## Timesheet Cancellations

Please note that there is still a number of members' NOT canceling their name off the timesheet. We work hard to ensure members don't miss out on a game, especially Saturday's. If you know one of your fellow players is not playing, please cancel their name at least 24 hours prior. Club Captain Bob Locke is looking at this matter quite seriously. Just remember, if you're playing in a four-ball event & one of you cancel, the third person in the group is not allowed to partner up with the original pair. That person has to play a single stableford & therefore is paired up with another single at the end of the day. It can be very frustrating for all involved.

## Pennants

Pennant season gets underway again on the 28<sup>th</sup> March through to 16<sup>th</sup> May. Many members would be aware that Pacific has won the last three BDGA Division One Club Pennant Champions and Open Pennant titles. Last year our Junior team also won its individual title. To put these results into perspective, Pacific has won five Division One Open titles since 1950, four of those wins have come in the past six years. A testament to the strength and depth of golf we currently enjoy at Pacific.

We encourage members to support our quality young players as they strive for success in the coming season. Several of our recent players have joined the professional ranks and two past players have joined universities on scholarships in the United States to advance their golf careers.

Our team will be strong again this year however we know the competition is coming hard. Our thanks go to John and Wendy Thorsen and family who again are our major sponsor. Thanks also to member Geoff Pollock from Schweppes who is a valued support sponsor.

## Club Events

Qualifying for the Club Championship Match Play will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> February.

The top 8 qualifiers in A, A1, B, C & D grade will play their quarter final match on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Dust off the cobwebs & start practicing as this is the first honour board event for the year.

## Handicap Changes

2010 will be a year of change regarding your handicap. Golf Australia has adopted the USGA handicapping system commonly known as 'slope rating'. Golf Australia is one of only 3 countries not practicing this form of handicapping & the GA hierarchy thought it was time we became universal. We have received numerous documents from GA relating to the first changes that will be implemented come end of March early April.

The first package of changes to the Australian handicapping system will be the removal of the CCR for men. The ladies adopted this system 2 years ago & it has worked quite well. This means that all men's competitions played off the blue markers will be rated at 73 & from the white markers 71 for the time being.

Points of interest:


- Your new handicap will be calculated by golf link. They will look at a rolling sample of your playing history eg: if you have played 20 rounds, they will pick out your best 10 scores & calculate your handicap and multiply by .96. If you would like to work out your proposed handicap, look at your history, pick your 10 best scores, add up the 'played to' column, divide your scores by 10 then multiply by .96.
- Every golf course in Australia will be re-rated: Pacific Golf Club will have a Blue, White, Red & Yellow rating.
- All events will be scored with the method of using stableford points. Monthly Medal rounds will be scored in this manner too.
- Your handicap will be altered either every two weeks or every month. NO MORE .1's. Golf Link will show a 'projected handicap' when you look up your details.
- If you play a competition at another golf course you will play off a different handicap to your home club. Eg: if you play a competition at Wynnum Golf Club, you will probably play off a handicap lower than Pacific Golf Club. Each club is rated according to the level of difficulty.
- It will take 2 years for every Australian Club to be re-rated. Metropolitan courses will be rated ahead of country clubs.
- The USGA slope component will be introduced in 2012. Maximum handicaps for men & women will change.

So as you can see, there will be significant changes made in the next couple of years. If you would like to read more information on the handicapping system, please log on to the Golf Australia website: [golfaustralia.org.au](http://golfaustralia.org.au).

## Motorline BMW


Motorline BMW has again agreed to be Pacific's "Blue Marker" Sponsor for 2010. We thank Motorline BMW for their ongoing support of the Pacific Golf Club.

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## Staff News

The Pacific Golf Office staff are again enthusiastic about the 2010 golfing year.

For any assistance or enquiries please see either Jo (Golf Manager), Gary (Corporate Golf Solutions), Leanne (Golf Assistant) or Tim (Golf Assistant).

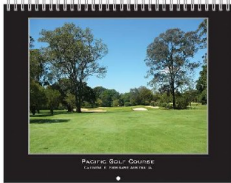


## Corporate Golf Events

Gary has already booked in a healthy number of Corporate Golf Events for 2010 and has continued working on enhancing Pacific's Corporate Golf product. As a "golfer" himself he is very aware of the member's competitions throughout the year and does his very best not to impede on these days with any corporate golf events.

Additionally he has again brainstormed a number of new projects for Pacific and is continuing to work on these which will benefit all the golfing members and club.

## Limited Edition Pacific Golf Wall Calendars



Gary has printed up a very limited number of 2010 Pacific Golf Course Wall Calendars and only a handful remain. If you would like one of these "Collectors Editions" please ask the Golf Office Be Quick! – cost is \$20.00.

## Golfing Enquiry?

Remember, if you have any golf or handicap enquiries, pop in & see us in the Golf Office as we're only too happy to help. I'm sure there will be plenty of questions asked relating to the implementation of the USGA system.

Play well at Pacific Golf Club in 2010.

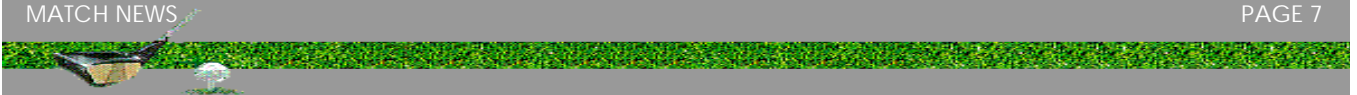
Yours in golf

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## The 2009 Honour Board & Special Event Winners

### Club Match Play Champions

A1 Grade – Dennis Bromiley

B Grade – Paul White

C Grade – Noel Timmins

D Grade – Mike Hutchinson

D1 Grade – Peter Schlecht

### Club Champions

A Grade – Gavin Fairfax

A1 Grade – Chris Price

B Grade – Matt Lynn

C Grade – Arthur Thiris

D Grade – Syd Phillips

D1 Grade – Allan Bishop

### Members Foursomes Championship

36 Holes Gross Winners – Davin Bailey & Phil Somefield

36 Holes Nett Winners – Wayne & Mitchell Salmond

Senior Gross Winners – Ian Travers & Mike Warren

Senior Nett Winners – Karl Adam & Ross Worley

### Mixed Foursomes Championship

27 Holes Gross Winners – Mitchell Salmond & Nadine White

27 Holes Nett Winners – John Bishopp & Helen Allan

### Bill Kennedy Memorial Four-Ball

Mike Beaty & Peter Werda

### Pacific Cup

Ken Minnikin

### Pacific Anniversary Cup

Mike Beaty & Peter Werda

## Pacific Wednesday Club News

The Pacific Wednesday Club (PWC) held its AGM on Thursday 4th February. Some highlights are worth mentioning.

During the year the PWC contributed \$15000 to further work on the golf course particularly the improvement on the 10th tee.

We had only one day washed out completely and 7 days where the numbers were down due to wet conditions.

WE had 9402 players this year....visitor numbers were 887 from Pacific and 147 from other clubs.

Our average field was 188 players. Allowing for the wet days our regular numbers were up around 195 per week. We have 307 PWC members.

The coming year will see our membership and match fees increased slightly..more rounding off than anything.... and this will help those of our committee who collect these fees each week.

The membership fee will increase from 23 to 25 dollars while match fees will increase to \$8 for members and \$9 for visitors. The Christmas party fees are also under review but this will not be decided until later in the year when costs can be more accurately known.

The PWC wishes to thank all the management and staff who assisted us during the year and I would like to thank our hard working committee who turn up week after week in a very selfless contribution.

**Ken Campbell**  
President



Web: <http://www.pacificwedclub.com/>

## Ladies News

Welcome back ladies to our 2010 golfing season. The committee hopes you've had a good break & you'll be looking forward to the new year of golfing.

This year there will be a big change in the handicapping system which will come into effect starting April 9. Golf Link will automatically change your handicap to your new one. If you wish to read up on this, please go to the Golf Australia website – [www.golfaustralia.org.au](http://www.golfaustralia.org.au)

Pennants commence on the 7<sup>th</sup> February for our Junior Girls, 14<sup>th</sup> March for the Weekend Ladies, 26<sup>th</sup> March for Ladies playing in Division 1 & 2 Silver & 9<sup>th</sup> August, Ladies Bronze. We wish them the best of luck.

Our committee again is looking forward to assisting you with any of your queries, so please don't hesitate to call into the Ladies Office.

I hope that you all have a great golfing season this year.

**Judy Stone**  
Ladies Captain



## CAPTAIN'S WORD

Hi Members. How time does fly, here we are already into February and our first monthly medal already over with 298 members playing.

The Match Committee has reviewed the club championship format. The changes are as follows:

Senior and Veterans Championship are to be played over the two monthly medals in April and May. Call for nominations to the open section of the championship to be 6 weeks out. Reduce the number of qualifiers from 16 to 12 in each grade. Handicaps: A Grade 0 – 5; A1 Grade 6 – 9; B Grade 10 – 13; C Grade 14 – 18; D Grade 19 – 36.

All competition fees to be paid at the time of nomination. Nomination forms will be available from the Golf Office. We hope to complete the championships in the two weekends before the Gary Player.

Honour Boards are to be reinstated in the Sports Bar during the year. They are Presidents Trophy, Captain's Trophy, Patron's Trophy and Active Life Members Trophy,

Please call up on all pars 3's. If the players are on the tee please call up. We have reduced the gap to 6 minutes on the time sheet to close the field up. If you don't call up, it causes a ripple effect bringing the groups behind to a stand still. It is written on the marker's section of the score card CALL UP ON ALL PAR 3'S – NO EXCEPTIONS.

It is my sad duty to inform the players who play on the blue marker Friday off the white marks, there will no longer be a white marker competition.

Good Golfing

[Bob Locke](#)

Captain



## PRO SHOP NEWS

### Junior Golf

Junior golf is going great guns after several exciting school holiday clinics, mums and dads are taking up the offer of mid week junior clinics. The clinics run from 4pm -5pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. The Pro Shop provides clubs and balls.

Pacific Golf Club is fortunate to have a 9 hole par 3 course where our young juniors can develop their skills before going out on the main course. Teaching professionals Mark, John and Darryl offer many different clinics for juniors. Don't forget the great junior comps on Saturday's, starting with the beginner comp 8.15am – 10.30am and the intermediate comp on Saturday's starting at 1pm.

### Weekly Junior Events

Saturday	7am – 8am Junior Clinic 8.15am Beginner Comp on Par 3 course Girls only clinic 2pm – 3pm (bookings required)
Tuesday	Beginner Clinic 4pm – 5pm (bookings required)
Wednesday	Intermediate Clinic 4pm – 5pm (bookings required)
Thursday	Intermediate Clinic 4pm – 5pm (bookings required)
Friday	Beginner Clinic 4pm – 5pm

All bookings can be done through the Pro Shop.

Pacific Golf Club has Brisbane's strongest junior club with over 100 juniors actively participating. Congratulations to our 2 local girls Anthea Galvin and Nadine White for making the Qld junior team for the interstate series in Tasmania, Best of luck to both Anthea and Nadine.

[Paul Hazlett](#) and the Team

