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Well the shortest day of the year is now past us so we can gradually look forward to longer daylight days. The Club Championships have been completed and the committee has considered a change of dates for next year. At this stage it will be rescheduled to November when the weather should be warmer (although we were very lucky this year to get such good days) which will allow members who are involved in football etc. and the Grey Nomads who head north this time of the year to enter in this prestigious event.

Bowls is in recession over the winter period but they are still looking for a Secretary to take over from Sue. If anyone is interested in the position please contact Dale or any of the bowls committee.

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**Club Championships**

**Men's event**

The club championships are over for another year and it was the first time that both men and ladies played on the same day. The weather was kind to us and some excellent golf was played by both parties. The men's championships saw Don Ross and Gary Thorne go into the last round tied in 1<sup>st</sup> place after each had scores of 77 and 75 in the first two rounds. In a thrilling final round with both players playing some excellent golf Don had a short putt on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole for a win to take the title for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. Congratulations Don and commiserations to Gary who once again was runner-up. Final scores were – Don 79-75-76-228 – Gary 79-75-77-229. Captain Chris was the next best placed on 233 followed by Phil Lloyd and a previous winner Andrew Spitty on 235 each.

In the "B" Grade James Coolahan was the runaway winner with rounds of 77-84-77-238 and the runner-up was Gary "Gabby" Hayes with rounds of 80-83-83-246 The final round saw James leading Gabby by 2 shots but he proved too strong at the finish.

The "C" Grade winner was one of our newer members Brendan Shields who played some very good golf over the 3 rounds with scores of 95-86-85-266 and runner-up was Ron Schultze who carded 95-92-90-278. Brendan had never before had a round of fewer than 90 but did so in his final two rounds so it was a very good effort from him.

## Ladies Event

This was the first time the club had played Men's and Ladies Championships on the one day. The Ladies winner was Michelle Dillon who had fine rounds of 83-81-80-244 and the runner-up was Jan Harry who carded 92-91-83-266. Congratulations to Michelle who played consistent golf over the three rounds and commiserations to Jan who like Michelle got better as the rounds progressed.

The "B" Grade winner was Shirley Forbes with scores of 92-100-96-288 and runner-up was Jenny Waterson with 101-95-95-291. Going into the final round the joint leaders were Joyce Boyd and Shirley and Jenny was a further four shots back. Unfortunately for Joyce she had a round she would rather forget and finished in third place.

In the "C" Grade the winner was Shirley Jenner with rounds of 100-92-94-286 from Joanne Martin who carded 107-94-94-295. Shirley went into the final round nine shots clear and maintained the lead to win comfortably.

Overall the championships were considered very successful but with the probability of the date being changed next year to November it is hopeful that the player numbers will be up considerably.

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At the last Committee Meeting a proposal to install solar power to our club was discussed in full by the committee members and it was decided to go ahead with the installation. The proposal for the Clubhouse is for 64 Solar Panels to be installed on the roof to be paid off over a 5 year period and then will be owned by the club.

The proposal for Solar Power for the Pumps is to install 320 panels grown mounted along the boundary fence between the back of the 4<sup>th</sup> green and the tee off on the 5<sup>th</sup> Hole and will be paid off over a 7 year period.

It is proposed that the watering of Greens will still be early morning as is the case at the moment and the Fairways will be watered during the day. While daytime watering may be in some cases be a slight inconvenience at times, it will not be done during any of our club events. Many courses across Australia operate their watering systems during the day now as this is when you get the best results cost wise from operating with Solar Power. It will also allow for the detection of sprinklers that may not be operating correctly and need to be adjusted or repaired. It is anticipated that the installations will be commenced shortly.

It is anticipated that the savings made on power bills during this period will more than cover the repayments and in the longer term the club will profit with a return for power sent to the grid.

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### **Optus Tower**

The Optus Tower is now fully operational and we are now waiting for their contractors to repair the damaged tracks etc. caused by their heavy equipment during construction. Contact has been made to them and we are hoping for a quick response.

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### **Laws of Golf**

It is truly written that your best hole in golf and will be immediately followed by your worst hole. It also applies to your best round of golf when you will have the most damming, ugly, nasty, soul destroying 18 holes you have ever played. It also increases the number of so called mates who keep reminding of it.

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Brand new golf balls have a high water attraction and the more expensive the ball the greater the attraction.

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The length of the putt you dropped on the eighteenth increases in proportion to the number of beers consumed later on the nineteenth.

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If you are giving strokes in a match, it is always too many. If you are receiving them it is never enough.

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Golf is the only game where you fail to win 99 per cent of the time.

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You know you have had a better day at golf when you find more golf balls than you have lost.

### **Golf News**

The club is organising Sunday golf once a month to allow members who have other commitments at this time of year to enjoy a round of golf. The next scheduled dates are Sunday 30th July and the 27<sup>th</sup> August which will be Ambrose events.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October (the day after the A.F L. Grand Final) will be next date and will be a multiplier day which is a fun event. Each day will be 12.00pm assembly for a 12.30tee off so mark it in your calendar.

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### **Cynical Philosophies**

Today a man knocked on my door today and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool so I gave him a glass of water.

I want to die peacefully in my sleep like my Grandfather did. Not like the screaming and yelling passengers in his car.

If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they would eventually find me attractive.

I find it ironic that the colours red, white and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind the vehicle you are driving

When wearing a bikini women reveal 90% of their body. Men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.

Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y.

Good Golfing – Ron Schultze

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