

PIN HIGH

Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to report that trading continues to be buoyant with revenue to the end of the 3rd quarter up 10% at \$6.7 million and profit up nearly \$400,000 above last year's loss of <\$36,000>.

This year's trading result provides great foundation to implement the strategic initiatives contained in the 3-year plan that will be communicated to members via an extensive program on various communication media.

The communication process will commence on Monday the 27th of May with a member's information night and I would encourage you to attend the evening to listen about the exciting times ahead for Shelly Beach Golf Club.

Autumn has arrived and whilst that see's the outdoor entertainment program goes on hold until Spring, it also heralds the start of a period where golf course improvements can commence.

I previously communicated to members in February that whilst we were not able to reveal the full strategic plan, that the board had approved the followed works program to commence in the autumn and winter of 2019 as part of its 3-year strategic plan.

- The fairway coring machine was

purchased, and the fairways have been renovated which we have all felt the pain of, however there is no gain without pain and I look forward to the improved playing surfaces in weeks to come because of this process.

- Clearing of the gardens has commenced and I would like to thank the member

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY MARCH 2019

	ACTUAL	LAST YEAR	VARIANCE
Clubhouse Revenue	\$529,395	\$421,447	\$107,948
Golf Revenue	\$206,184	\$205,636	\$548
Other Income	\$56	\$50	\$6
TOTAL REVENUE	\$735,635	\$627,133	\$108,502
NET PROFIT	\$2,994	\$(15,213)	\$18,207

Dear Members,

March financial result was very positive with significant increases in clubhouse revenue. The restaurant and the entertainment were very well patronised and continues the trend of the last 12 months. Golf was steady and we are pacing well to have a very good result for this financial year. The profit result looks a little disappointing however there was some unplanned expenses that were quite significant; some repairs and maintenance in the kitchen and on the golf course, and a scheduled payment for the OLGR investigation which fell in the March accounts. Year to date, we are now \$392,000 in front of last year's bottom line result.

We received some excellent news in the last few weeks that SBGC will receive a government grant to the value of \$115,000. This grant was initiated by the previous President Allan Arkins and our Vice-President Garry Craig, and is to provide drainage for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 18th holes. The benefit being that during the winter period these holes will drain water more efficiently and will assist the Club in keeping motorised carts on the course during the winter months. This will increase the number of rounds played throughout the year and benefit those members who are not able to participate without the assistance of motorised carts. We are now waiting on more details of the grant which will assist with the planning of the works. At the time of writing this report no date has been set as there are a number of timing issues that need to be considered. Please join me in thanking Allan and Garry as this will have a very significant impact on the course.

The DA for the 4th hole toilet has been submitted this week. I would also like to thank members Brian and Gavin Anderson for their assistance on this project over a number of months, and Kath Ifield for her assistance in the later part of the project. The majority of this project will be funded from a \$40,000 grant that was successfully applied for some time ago. I know there are a number of members eagerly awaiting completion of this project. It should not take too long now. Thank you for all your patience.

Scott Armstrong
General Manager

volunteers working with George Irwin on the great job they are doing in this area.

- The greenside bunker reconstruction on the 2nd and 11th holes are planned for June and July.

The balance of works program identified in the year 1 of the strategic plan will commence in August and September.

- Mainline down to the 16th and 6th holes.
- Improved surrounds on the 2nd green and 3rd green.
- Improved apron and surrounds around the 13th.
- Improved fairway on the 8th.

I communicated verbally in recent weeks that we had received a \$115,000 grant for drainage on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 18th fairways and work associated with this project will be planned once we understand the grant timing and DA approval of the toilet on the 4th Tee.

Between our golf course budget, Board approved expenditure and the grant for the drainage this supports significant improvements to the course and is sure to keep the golf course staff very busy over the coming year.

In closing I look forward to presenting the strategic plan for the next 3 years to you all on Monday the 27th of May.

Malcolm Sheldon
PRESIDENT

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Plenty of golf was played over the ANZAC/ Easter period. At one point we had 11 competitions in 12 days.

During the month we cored our fairways with newly purchased machinery. I was as amazed as everyone to see the amount of 'core product' removed with the new machine. I am told it removed 75% more product than ever before. No doubt the end product will be well worth it. Due to the coring, preferred lies were implemented through the green. This was due to coring residue being blown into rough. Now that the residue is gone, we have reverted to preferred lies fairways only. There are still a few areas of coring but these will go in a week or so.

It's a shame we are still feeling the effect of the unusual high temps and humidity we suffered resulting in the disease affected 14th green. Members have asked why we are back playing the green when clearly it has not recovered. Course staff advised the Match Committee that with sanding, the playing surface would be acceptable and a vast improvement than putting on a kikuyu fairway temporary green. But the pivotal question asked was, will resumption of play on that green hamper or delay its recovery and the answer was no. So after numerous real life testing of the surface by putts, chips and full shots, a decision was made to bring the green back into play. The situation will be closely monitored.

With the clearing of scrub around the course, the knock on effect will be some play changes due to our local rules relating to penalty areas. Our definition of penalty areas is this, "Any area identified by red stakes, red lines, or any garden or vegetated area with wood chip or remnants of woodchip present."

When we look at the bush area left of the first tee near the second green, it clearly fits within the definition. However, with the recent clearing work to half this area, the vegetation and garden has been removed. Therefore, that section is no longer a penalty area and will eventually be turfed. (Currently GUR).

During the month we had 47 young golfers plus parents attend Erina Creek Golf Course for a Junior Day organised by Mick Lamaro and Jason Millers. Thanks to Mark Pavey at Erina Creek for his support of Junior Golf on the Central Coast. I am advised the day was a great success.

On the local front we had our Junior Gala Day played on the 27th April and what a success it was. The Parent/Guardian - Child winners were Gary Herman and his grandson Isaac Ind. The Junior trophy event was won by Zac Camilleri. Funds raised for the day go towards our Junior program and we thank everyone for their generosity.

Our Masters Pennant team has got off to an OK start narrowly being beaten by Wyong 4/3 and then a crushing victory over Breakers 6 1/2 to 1/2. Masters Pennants is played off the stick and male players over 50 are eligible. We have a crop of 'rookies' coming though over the next few years and we will be very competitive.

We had an exciting finish in our Mixed foursome event. Brett Parker paired with Jude Tarran and Brett holed a 16ft birdie putt on the last hole to shoot 122 for 27 holes to edge out event favourites and reigning champions Kim Burke and Scott Armstrong. Brett and Julie Philpot shot 106.5 to take out the nett event. Once again we had a strong field.

At time of writing I am advised that Shelly Beach has taken out the teams event in the inaugural CCDGA Two person Ambrose event played at Wyong. This event replaced the District Foursomes which suffered dwindling number of late. I am advised the new format was a great success.

And finally, congratulations to Jordie Garner who has been selected in the NSW State Senior Team and is playing the Interstate series in Tasmania. We wish both Jordie and the NSW State team every success in the series. Being a member of a Senior State team is another tick in the box towards an aspiring career on the Tour. We wish Jordie every success.

Peter Sliwinski
CAPTAIN

FROM THE LADIES DESK

The April Ladies golfing calendar always brings on two major events. The start of our pennants campaign and the Ladies Charity Day.

Ladies Pennants is now in full swing. April saw 5 rounds of pennants played with both Wattle and Banksia coming home with some wins but also some losses as well. With 3 rounds left to play Shelly Beach is still in the mix. Best of luck to both captains, Jo Spears and Jude Tarran and all our ladies.

CCWGA PENNANTS 2019 BANKSIA

TEAMS	1 Apr	8 Apr	15 Apr	29 Apr	6 May	13 May	20 May	Total
Breakers	0	Bye	2	2				4
Everglades	2	0	2	0			Bye	4
Gosford	0	0	Bye	2				2
Magenta	0	2	0	0		Bye		2
Morisset	2	2	2	Bye				6
Shelly Beach	2	0	0	0	Bye			2
Toukley	Bye	2	0	2				4

CCWGA PENNANTS 2019 WATTLE

TEAMS	1 Apr	8 Apr	15 Apr	29 Apr	6 May	13 May	20 May	Total
Breakers	0	2	2	Bye				4
Everglades	2	2	Bye	0				4
Kooindah	2	Bye	0	2				4
Morisset	2	0	2	2		Bye		6
Shelly Beach	0	0	2	2			Bye	4
Toukley	0	0	0	0	Bye			0
Wyong	Bye	2	0	0				2

The Oncology department at Gosford hospital has been the recipient of the ladies charity day for 9 years now. The theme as always being pink but this year there was a twist, with cakes being brought into the mix. We were taken back in time to the ever popular "Cake Stall" and the ladies should be congratulated on their fabulous baking skills. To our amazement the cake stall created so much interest in the club house that dinning guests requested to purchase the cakes and donate to the charity.

Keeping to this theme we held a "Bake Off" between our resident Chef Daniel Magill and our GM Scott Armstrong. Both Scott and Daniel adorned with pink feathers and cap and a table each of skillfully decorated cupcakes took on each other in an attempt to raise the most money. Between them they raised close to \$500. Gentlemen, thank you both.

We then moved on to the cake auction. The most delicious looking sponge delight decorated with passionfruit icing, created by our Sally. Our resident auctioneer Susan Eastway held the floor as a bidding war began between Leoni Johns and Sue Wilcockson. Jan Richens, Manager of Fundraising and Donations for the Central Coast, stood in amazement as the hammer finally came down on Sue Wilcocksons bid of \$250 for the cake.

The Charity day also had a huge raffle. We had some incredibly generous donations and would like to take this opportunity to thank: Kooindah Golf Club, The Shelly Beach Moaners, Fruit for All Tumbi Umbi, Tee Time Apparel, The Lakes Hotel Bottle Mart. Through the generosity of so many we raised \$3000 this year bringing the grand total over the 9 years to \$26,000!!!!



On behalf of all the ladies.....Jule's we send you all our love and best wishes.

XX

Jennifer Siegel
LADIES PRESIDENT

MOANERS NEWS

Hello to everyone,

Just a quick wrap up of our month of April:
With Easter and Anzac day in the middle of the month there was long weekends everywhere.

As well as our normal competition on the 7th we also had the clubs Mixed Foursomes which was a great day for all that played. I was lucky enough to be crowned the Nett score with Julie, and congratulations go out to Brett Parker and Jude Tarran for being crowned the Stroke winners.

So back to Moaners winners for the month, we had Jarrod Allomes 37 points, Gavin Anderson on medal day with nett 70, then Damien MacKenzie with 40 points and Billy Chafe with 37 points. Not much else to report, just getting ready for our Corporate Day on 19th May.

Happy golfing.

Brett Phillpot
MOANERS PRESIDENT



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COURSE REPORT

WEATHER

The rainfall for April 2019 totaled 70.5mm. The average rainfall in April in this region is 129.1mm. The year to date totals are 440mm actual as compared to the 4 month average of 432.4mm.

The Bureau of Meteorology climate outlook for May-July 2019 are for warmer than average days and nights. The forecast of drier days could bring more cloud free nights increasing the chance of frosts in susceptible areas.

AUTUMN RENOVATIONS

SBGC purchased a new machine being a Toro 1298 corer for renovation on fairways, tees and green surrounds. This year's autumn fairway renovations were carried out from the 8th of April till the 12th of April. Hollow tines were installed and removed a lot of unwanted thatch from the profile. The soil was rubbed back into the surface and the thatch material was blown into the rough and then cut with the rough mower. A fertilizer application will be applied over the next couple of weeks when weather and golf program permit.

The new machine will improve infiltration and pecculation, relieve compaction as well as remove thatch. The end result will be a better playing surface and improve drainage rates which will increase cart use on the course after wet weather.

GARDENS AND NATIVE AREAS

The area between the 1st fairway and 2nd green side bunkers has started to be cleared of low vegetation. Over May and June, the follow areas will also be cleared;

1. Between 5th green and 6th championship tee.
2. 7th hole western side. Clear 10 meters from rough to mature trees being a Tuckaroo and Melaleuca.
3. On the western side of the ladies 8th tee.
4. Underneath Norfolk Pines between 10th and 13th holes.
5. Along driveway behind the 13th green.

CART USE

Just a reminder, can we keep golf carts off the tees and at least 10 metres away from the greens. If this is adhered too, the playing surfaces around the greens and tees would

improve significantly.

Andrew Banning

COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

TIP FROM THE PRO

Winter Golf Tips;

Golf is pretty tough enough at the best of times, but winter conditions can make golf even more challenging. Here are some tips to keep on top of your game!

1. MORE CLUB

Check your ego before you start, your ball will not go as far in the cold. You might have to hit 1-2 clubs more (so, a 5 iron instead of a 7 iron) on every shot, but at least you'll be sure to get to the hole. Because the ball doesn't go as far, also consider playing one tee up from your normal length. A quick round will get you back to the fireplace a lot sooner.

2. KEEP WALKING

If you can, then choose to walk rather than to use a buggy or cart. You will be surprised how much walking will warm up your body. You will also stay looser and your swing won't suffer that much.

3. TWO BALLS

Cold golf balls don't fly as far as warm balls, so use two balls. Use each ball on alternate holes, keeping the other in your pocket to keep them as warm as possible. As long as you do not artificially heat the balls during the round you are within the rules.

4. PROPER CLOTHING

We recommend to wear multiple layers. It's up to you what you like to wear, but consider wearing a (long sleeve) thermal t-shirt, thermal underwear, a sweater and a light-weight windbreaker. And, don't forget a good winter hat (we generally lose 55%-60% of our body heat through our head). Don't wear too much, because then your swing will suffer.

5. SOFTER BALLS

Some golf balls are softer than other balls and in cold

weather you will want a ball that is easier to compress.

6. WARM HANDS

Invest in some proper winter gloves. Not normal gloves, they should be suited for golf. Keeping your hands warm, dry while keeping a good grip is crucial!

7. STAY HYDRATED

Many people will substitute water and energy drinks with coffee and hot chocolate when it's cold and their game suffers. Your body needs nutrients and hydration especially when it's cold, and coffee just doesn't cut it. Have your hot chocolate, but don't forget to drink water or an energy drink every hole to stay properly hydrated.

8. BRIGHT BALLS

Not so long ago, yellow balls were the preserve of driving ranges and rock-hard budget balls. But now brands like Titleist, Srixon and Callway offer some of their premium balls in yellow as well. Yellow balls are easier to spot among leaves or frost because yellow is the most visible colour in the spectrum.

9. SMART SPOTTING

The sun is often quite low during the winter. Track your ball from the moment it takes off until just before it reaches the heart of the sun. Instead of continuing to follow it – and losing it – turn your attention to the spot where you think it will land; you'll soon see it come into view.

10. WINTER RULES

It's good to know what to do during winter time and when local rules apply, like:

- Preferred lies: this is a local rule, the club determines how far the player is allowed to prefer the lie.
- Embedded ball: local rule, check if relief also applies to the rough.
- Cleaning the ball: local rule, it allows you to lift your ball and clean it before playing your next shot.
- Casual water: local rule, this entitles you to free relief if water is visible under your feet or the ball when you make your normal stance.

Jason Hart
DIRECTOR OF GOLF

UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS

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