



## Season 2023-24

### The Annual General Meeting

Monday 12 August 2024 at the Binningup Clubhouse

**Present:**

Three Grahams, a Graeme and Tom, Ron, Chris and Robin.

**Apologies:**

Dennis Scoble, Brian Pink.

**Minutes of the 2023 AGM:**

Accepted as a true and accurate record (of course).

**Business arising:**

The *Ball in Bunker* rule was discussed briefly in terms of various likely bunker scenarios. To be further discussed in Other Business.

The issue of future Away games was deferred for later discussion.

**Election of Office Bearers:**

The position of President was raised, Tom suggesting opening up all the positions. He was comprehensively outstared by the President!

Dennis confirmed as Handicapper with Graham Little to cover in Dennis's absence. Otherwise no change to entrenched positions.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance of funds at 30 June 2024 was a solid \$1,032, Binningup surpluses making a significant contribution to Income of \$411. Expenditure included \$120 for cart subsidies at Joondalup which will continue in the new season.

The club recently incurred website costs of \$396 for 3 years hosting.

**Subscriptions:** The Treasurer proposed that the \$20 annual subscription remain this season to help cover website hosting expenditure.

**Playing fees at Hamersley:** Hamersley fees are not yet known. Therefore the weekly fee (workers/non-workers) yet to be decided.

**Ball Purchases:** The current practice of player donations is providing varying quality golf balls. The Treasurer suggested purchasing season requirements of the recommended make of ball taking into account special offers. Srixon Greens were put up as a recommendation.

*Tom Joseph to investigate ball options taking into account quality and cost. Ten dozen balls required.*

### **Golf Captain's Report:**

The club recorded its strongest attendance for a few years, averaging 7.3 per week.

The golf program went well except for some uncertainty over the future viability of Araluen. The opening of the new Hamersley clubhouse, possibly in October, is something to look forward to.

### **President's Report:**

The President has had a lot of interest from people outside the club in what we do and how we do it. This is not to imply that we should increase our membership.

The fixtures worked really well. A later tee off time of 10.30 a.m. was flagged but the suggestion needs further consideration. In the meantime, we should stay with current arrangements until all members have reached retirement.

The President thanked all who arranged after game coffees/eats early in the season.

### **Fixtures 2024-25:**

Several recommendations for change to the draft fixtures were made:

- Delay the Club Championships and Golden Putter until the new year;
- Move the Christmas Cup to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December with follow-up breakfast at the Joseph residence should the day change suit them;
- Move South of the River Day 1 from Tuesday 31 to Monday 30 December and consider playing at Gosnells Golf Club.

**Seaview** fixture – Andrew McLennan may be able to assist by speaking to a mate at Seaview. A later start may be required.

**Araluen** fixture – Queried whether playing there was too expensive. An alternative may be playing at Melville Glades on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March subject to advice from Chris Jackson.

**Golden Putter** was confirmed as a Stroke event.

**Extended season.** A suggestion was made to extend the season to the end of April and was agreed to unanimously.

**Later Hamersley start time.** Later starts at Hamersley was proposed as well as looking at the prospect of teeing off on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. To be decided at a future meeting.

**Hamersley's New Booking System.** Graeme noted that the new Hamersley booking system has "issues". There's a need to confirm Hamersley's acceptance of season pre-booking. Graeme will contact Hamersley and email the discussion outcomes and notional fixtures.

### **Away Events:**

2025 Mornington Masters: It was agreed in principle to conduct this event again in March and excluding clashes with long weekends. Various locations were put forward including the Hunter Valley. As previous Mornington Masters winner, Chris Jackson to put forward options for where the competition is played and for how many days.

2025 South West Open: Noted as a fallback option if Mornington Masters does not go ahead.

### **Other Business:**

#### **Local Rules:**

- **Ball in Bunker:** A number of ball in bunker scenarios were discussed in the context of the current ruling (. . . *take relief by placing the ball within a club length of the original lie, within the bunker and not nearer the hole*) particularly the situation where a ball in a bunker is plugged. It was decided that the current rule remain as is.

Meeting closed at 1915 (the aromas from the Roast Pork was too much).