



One of the Tawny Frogmouth birds who live overlooking the 4th West tee.

“WHAT’S HAPPENING AT COOLIE TWEED”



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Farewell Annie Weir & Dixie – Last week was an end of an era for two of our long term employees. Annie Weir who was employed by the Club then the Pro Shop for a total of 20 years and also Ken (aka Dixie) Wilson who was employed in the clubhouse for 3 years and then on the course for a further 10 years. They have both retired to enjoy life without the drag of work and on behalf of all staff and members of the Club we wish you both a happy and healthy retirement and look forward to catching up with you out on the golf courses some time.

Membership Renewals will be sent out shortly and payment is due by the 1st October. You will only be billed for 9 months as the membership year is changing in 2008 to coincide with our financial year ending on the 30th June. Please note office hours for payment of membership is Monday to Friday 9am–4.30pm and 9am-12.30pm on Saturdays only. If you cannot get to the office during these times please remember there are alternate payment methods such as BPAY, credit card over the phone or a cheque by mail.

Completion of Extensions to Buggy Shed – As you would have noticed the extensions have been completed and all members have been allocated their new buggy spaces. All that is left to do is finish off the gardens which should be completed in the next week or so.

Have you noticed the changes in the Casino Bar area? As they say, “slow and steady wins the race”, well how relevant is that when it comes to the renovations in the Casino Bar. We are nearly there with only a few things to left to do including the tiling and new carpet which are also planned to be completed over the next couple of weeks. What a difference it makes and it isn’t even finished yet!

Due to the new government regulations the Clubhouse is now totally “**smoke free**”, with the new outdoor area near the entrance to Danny’s available for all those smokers in need of fresh air!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 14th July – 1st Round Men’s Championships
Tues 24th July – Ladies Foursomes Championships
Sun 5th Aug – Twin Towns Open
Mon 6th – Fri 10th Aug – Veterans Week of Golf
Tue 21st Aug – Lady President & Captains Day, Shotgun
Mon 27th Aug – West Course closed - Greens Renovations

Please note **members are responsible** for checking their own **bookings/ tee times**. Always a good idea to double check on the internet the next day or ask in the Pro Shop to verify your time. This will save frustration and inconvenience on the day of play if there has been a problem with the booking.

COURSE MATTERS

The grass has well and truly stopped growing now and there has even been a few frost patches about in the early mornings. The greens on both courses are holding up well at this stage of the winter with firm fast and true surfaces evident. Unrepaired pitch marks are the only blemish on the greens particularly on the West course. Please take the time to correctly repair your pitch marks to not only keep the turf healthy but to help your score as you may have to putt over the scar one day!! The 17th West green is progressing well and is currently in play for the main competition days.

Machinery notes

In 2000 a new irrigation pump station was installed to replace an antiquated and unreliable station and since that time the new pumps have rarely missed a beat. Indeed there have only been two occasions when the pumps themselves have malfunctioned and all have been in severe weather conditions compared to literally three breakdowns a week with the old pumps. Four 30hp and two 20 hp motors are capable of producing 95 litres per second at 125 psi at the pump shed to keep the courses healthy. The water flow is electronically monitored with the pumps engaged as required and the two smaller motors have “variable frequency drive” which means that the motors can run at reduced speeds when only small flows, ie; one sprinkler, are required. This results in significant power savings and much reduced wear and tear on the piping system due to the reduction of water hammer.

Since January 1st this year the pump station has delivered 115 million litres of water to the golf courses!

GO SCOTTY

Our own Scott Gardiner finished in 2nd place in his latest tournament on the USPGA Nationwide Tour behind young Queenslander Jason Day. Most importantly, the result lifted Scott up to 18th on the money list just after the half way point of the year. This is important because the leading 25 players earn a 2008 US PGA Tour Card. Just a few of Scott’s stats so far this year include an average driving distance of 296m with 353m his longest and his scoring average is 70.85. Along the way he has made 7 consecutive cuts demonstrating his consistent play this year. Keep up the good work Scotty!!

Just out of interest the longest average drive on the Nationwide tour is 327m with the longest at 393m while on the main PGA Tour the average drive is “only” 315m but the longest is a Steve Flesch bomb of 447m!! To put this drive into perspective, if he drove that one off the 1st West tee he would finish in the middle of the green!!