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Dear Members,

After the heavy period of golf with Opens for Mens and Ladies and the Vets 'Week of Golf' there has been quite a deal of activity occurring and planned on the course. I take this opportunity to update you on the activities on the Course and within the Club Management.

Golf Course

(Provide by Course Superintendent – Jack Elliott)

I was pleased that we got through the busy golf period, despite the rain, and that there were many favourable comments about the course conditioning. The focus since then has been to initiate repairs on the worst damaged greens. This will continue into the near future.

There are temporary greens on the 3rd and 14th holes. This is to ensure there is no foot traffic on the greens and allow re-seeding and leaf growth on the damaged areas to be successful. To help this we are using 'grass mats' which provide a warm growing environment.

On all other greens we shall be dusting and grooming them to even out the holes left by the successful control of the summer grass, and the bird damage. Additionally, we have edged the greens and will be spraying out the 'kikuyu' grass. We have had a successful trial of couch grass control on the Putting green and will continue that when conditions allow.

Other planned work around the course includes: improving cart paths (especially around the 8th green/ 9th tee) with some 'Diamond Matting' to be trialled; removing trees from around selected tees to encourage grass growth; removing dead trees from around the course.

I encourage all golfers to honour the etiquette and give 'right of way' to the course staff. I also thank those golfers who diligently fill divot holes and repair pitch marks, but more could be done.

Golf Activity

We are approaching a generally quiet period during which many of us can enjoy our course. There are Foursomes Championships to be contested, as also some District Association events for both Ladies and Men.

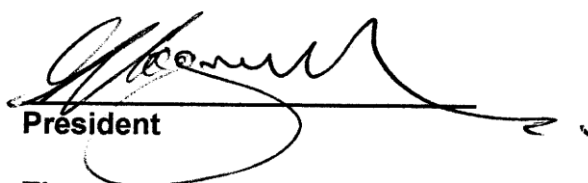
Management Committee

I advise that Andrew Markham, our Course/Greens Assistant, has had a change in his family situation and now will only be working on a casual basis. We are pleased to retain him with the knowledge he has gained while working here. To ensure we maintain our staffing levels I am pleased to announce that we have engaged Brad Ashton as the Course/Greens Assistant. He commenced this week and shows an enthusiasm for the work entailed.

You will all be aware that we are approaching the Membership Renewal period. The Management Committee have changed some of the membership categories. Our Full Members are the life blood of the club, but we have introduced some other categories in an endeavour to retain our existing younger adult members and entice more to join. More information will be provided with your Renewal notice.

You would be aware of the new Score Entry system. We have moved to a new golf software system that combines golf and member activity. It incorporates a number of modules, of which the Scoring and Back Office functions are working, but it does include modules for 'touch screen' score entry, a member's portal for online tee bookings and results, eventually phone scoring to complement the cards, and more which will gradually be introduced. My thanks to Steve Gralleis for his continuing work on this.

Good golfing and stay warm on the course,



President

Tony Cogswell
President, Forbes Golfers Association