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Firstly welcome to all our new Members. I am sure you will enjoy the course and the friendly atmosphere.

Over the last few months Jean-Paul Haigh (JP) has joined us and just recently has accepted the role on a full time basis. This is a virtual job sharing basis with Greg. As this Golf Club's intention for some time to have 2 full time people in that position it had the unfortunate situation created where Kaila's hours were shortened and because of her need for the extra hours, Kaila decided to leave. I'm sure all of us are sorry to see her go and she would be welcome back if the situation arose. She has left on good terms with a glowing reference.

During this time we have had a successful Pro-am which attracted some very good Professional Golfers. Scott Laycock won the Pro-Am with a new course record score of '61'.

Congratulations and thank you to Rob Walker and his group for doing all this organizing. Our course was highly praised by all who played so thank you to Mark, Cal and all the Members who volunteered their time in the course presentation. The Club would like not only to thank our major sponsors Origin Energy, but all other sponsors of the day along with all Members and others who played on the day. I must compliment the Golf Professionals as they were all very approachable and gave helpful tips to us amateurs.

I would like to thank Ruth and her kitchen staff for the hard work feeding the hungry golfers.

On Friday May 6th we also held a Corporate Day. This was run by Chris Pearce and his helpers. The Committee very much appreciates the organization put into this event as this is another important fundraising day for the Club. Thank you Chris and all helpers.

A new rough mower has been leased and a few machinery repairs have been required. Tony Andrews needs to be thanked as he has done a lot of work on a lot of our machinery.

Members will be glad to know that the spinning wheel money has been used to buy a compressor and tools required by the Ground Staff. Tony got these at wholesale prices.

The Ground Staff have been struggling to keep up with course maintenance with the weather we've been having, so after reviewing Mark's request an apprentice has been employed. Tim Mueller has started and he is proving to be valuable. Thanks also must go to the Members that volunteer their time on course - Keith Stockdale, Harry Maxwell & Peter Cooke are a great help to the Ground Staff.

It would be remiss of me not to belatedly congratulate Mark on his recent wedding. While Mark was honeymooning Cal did a fantastic job on our course. He has fitted in very well and enjoys the work, even on Saturdays.

Finally we are moving on our new practice nets. These will be on the practice fairway and hopefully they should be done within the next few weeks.

We look forward to a good pennant season which is under way - good luck to all Members playing

Grant Johnson our Vice Captain has been working hard on establishing a Junior Pennant side. They played a few games last season and enjoyed themselves with varied success.

Thank you to Perry O'Connor for donating the sail covers for the deck area.

This brings us to smoking. Smoking will be banned in the enclosed area of the breezeway. This will come into force when red lines are painted on this area of concrete. There is currently a 'non smoking' sign there, however this hasn't been enforced.

Our condolences, to family and friends of the recent passing of some of our Members.

The AGM is late October some positions will become vacant on the Committee. This gives you 4 months to consider whether you can contribute in some way on the Committee.

The green's committee and Mark Teeuw will make some contributions soon and to let you know what they are doing now and future plans. We will put out information regarding this shortly.

Good golfing to all

Clive Taylor
President