

Bathurst Golf Club Limited

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ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET
AND
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2015

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting of Members to be held at the
Clubhouse

Wednesday 30th March 2016
AT 7.30 P.M.

REGISTERED OFFICE:

1ST Floor Bathurst Golf Clubhouse, Orange Road, Bathurst

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Bathurst Golf Club Limited is to be held in the Clubhouse Wednesday 30th March 2016 at 7.30pm.

Agenda

1. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 30th March 2015
2. To receive and consider the report of the Directors.
3. To receive and consider the Profit and Loss account, Balance Sheet and Auditor's Report for the financial year ended 31st December 2015.
4. To receive and consider the Returning Officer's report as to the ballot for the position of Directors and to elect the Board for the ensuing year in accordance with such report.
5. To elect a patron for the year in accordance with the Club Constitution.
6. To deal with any business of which due notice has been given

Members please note

Members are kindly requested to advise the General Manager in writing at least 7 days prior to the Annual General Meeting of any questions relating to the accounts, the balance sheet or associated statements of which further information is required. This will allow properly researched replies for the benefit of all members.

Dated 16th Day of March 2016

Brad Constable, General Manager
By direction of the Board

Copies of the Annual Report are available from the Office, the Bar or from the Club's website,
www.bathurstgolf.com.au

Presidents Report 2015

It is my pleasure to present this report although only taking on the role in November, so thank you for your support and encouragement in that time.

I firstly would like to acknowledge the time and effort put in by past President Paul Oxley over the last five years.

Most of the members recall the problems dating back eight or so years when our Club was struggling and in fact had major losses over a number of years prior to that.

Through various initiatives, due diligence, supportive Board and solid leadership from Brad the Bathurst Golf Club has sustained continual financial growth and with the help of Dave and his staff for course management, Matt Barrett's strong initiatives and approachable demeanor and with Brendan and his infectious positive outlook from behind the bar we can expect to maintain the growth and improve our Club.

The past year has seen a new Committee with a wealth of experience consolidate the clubs position with the Cart shed built and filled almost immediately, the dam on the tenth enlarged, the thirteenth Tee lifted, the top carpark sealed and a new Caterer Paul Coopes appointed .

Paul has taken on board a tough task, performed well and will continue to work closely with Brad and Brendan to showcase our Club as a fantastic venue with fine food.

The first full year of the Smart Solar panels has continually shown a saving above monthly estimates and Capital cost will be paid in four years – a great investment as will be an upgrade of the refrigeration system soon, supporting the Solar panel initiative.

Water is still our major cost and the Committees has had talks with Bathurst Regional Councils Mayor and Deputy Mayor in February with regard to reducing the cost of water and coming up with an average monthly rate to alleviate the spikes during the dry summer months.

A petition was circulated late last year to get members support to present to the Bathurst Regional Council – some 400 signatures were received- thankyou .

The meeting was well received and professionally presented by Brad and some Board members.

Another water initiative was looked at from a mining company and support for this is mixed in the Community and BRC are still to decide on the proposal.

Our course is as good as I can remember thanks to our dedicated Greens staff.

Changes as mentioned above, planning for improvements to the bunkers, fairway fertilizing, cart paths and general tidiness of the course is a credit to these guys and it is reflected in the daily positive comments received from all who play. Dave and his staff are to be congratulated on their passion- a credit to the Club and to Bathurst as the entrance to the City.

Programming for our club is a mountainous task and getting the best mix and fit fall with Captain Manuel. To his credit has tried various formats and listened to member's comments and concerns and believe we have a good program mix but our ever changing membership demographic requires continual attention.

Our Vets involvement is very strong thanks to our Vice Captain Bob's dedication and commitment.

Our numbers for playing members both Female and Male has been stable for a number of years which goes against the trend in Australia and our Junior numbers are the highest ever – a big thanks to Matt and his efforts with the Schools and his general presence.

We will continue to work with the Ladies and their Committee to enhance their membership and to listen and act on their concerns.

The loss of Lisa our Bookkeeper for the past nine years has opened the door for Charlie and together with Brad will continue to maintain, support and improve our Club.

We thank Lisa for her valuable efforts in upgrading and setting financial systems for the Club, I would also like to thank Norm Matheson, Peter Sheppard and Trevor Dickie for their efforts on the board.

Looking to the future the Committee and management must continue to improve and advertise the attractiveness of the Club for indoor and outdoor Functions and to ensure that opportunities for membership are not restricted by cost and our Course will still be the best west of the Mountains and comparable to our City cousins.

Ray Stapley
President

General Managers Report 2015

It is with great pleasure that I present my annual 9th report for the Bathurst Golf Club year ending December 2015, in a year of ups and downs that included a change of restaurant mid-year the Club came home with a wet sail to post a profit of \$98273.00 which is a very pleasing result considering the multitude of projects that were completed in the year, more details of these are in the Director's reports.

I would like to thank Dave Rogers and his staff, Adam, Tom, Mick and Aaron for their efforts to present a fantastic golf course day in day out that is the envy of many in the Country. Brendan Bradshaw and his bar staff for the way they serve and entertain the members, Matt Barrett and his team for their courteous service to our members and guests as well as Paul Coopes and his team who have well and truly cemented their place in the Club. To Club Captain Manuel Pro and Vice-Captain Bob Pardey, I thank you for the devotion that both of you show in what has to be one of the highest workload positions in the Club!

I would like to welcome Charlie Klein to her role as office administrator after taking over from nine year 'veteran' Lisa Koleda, a big thanks to you Lisa for all your hard work over these years.

A special thought for our 'little mate' Brendan 'Love' Dove who is currently in the fight of his life battling Cancer, our best wishes are with you.

At the time of writing the Club is in the process of exploring our options in regards to a cost effective and sustainable water supply which is our last 'great' hurdle in shoring up our future, we have been in discussion with our Council representatives on a fixed yearly cost for water which would enable us to budget for water expenditure during any given year, we are also embarking on the search for bores and looking at building new holding dams if the searches come to fruition, fingers crossed!

A particular focus now and in the immediate future is to develop our standing as a tourism destination for Bathurst, we have recently been the lead article in Inside Golf's 'The golfing gems of the Central West', featured on European golf tour writer Bernie McGuire's 'Tourmiss' web-site and established a 'buddy club' relationship with the prestigious Lakes Golf Club in Sydney, in conjunction with Bathurst Regional Council we firmly believe the Bathurst Golf Club and Course can expand on its already impressive tally of over 15000 yearly visitor rounds to the Club.

At the end of August myself and Brendan Bradshaw had the pleasure of the Club sending us to the Golf Managers Australia biennial conference on the Gold Coast, the experience was invaluable and we both gained a great insight into the golfing landscape Australia wide as well as learning a few things on the way! One of the most beneficial outcomes was the Club joining the GMA benchmarking tool, our subsequent information for 2014 has put us in the

top 25% of Club's Australia wide and we can now constantly keep an eye on how we are faring year to year against our competitors.

To our new President Ray Stapley it is a pleasure to work with a supportive chairman and a cohesive Board that can only help in our ongoing quest to be the premier golfing destination in the Central West.

Good golfing and good health in 2016!

Brad Constable
General Manager

Treasurers Report 2015

I take the opportunity to present the Financial Year Report, on behalf of the Board of Directors, for the year ending 31 December 2015.

Over the 2015 Financial Year our club recorded a very respectable net profit of \$98273.00 compared to a profit of \$75,503.38 (up 30%) for the preceding year.

The club has continued to maintain a steady growth (5.0%) across areas of revenue and the board and club management is continuing to strive in its endeavors to maintain and increase this improvement into the future.

Our total expenditure for the year has remained relatively static this year in comparison to the previous year at \$1,229,921.49 (up 3.7%), however, the Board has again undertaken a number of projects throughout the year working towards continuing to provide an improved and better facility for its members and guests. Some of the major expenditure experienced throughout the year include further improvements with the Pulse Golf Scoring System, additional cart shed, resurfacing of the top car park area, concreting the top carp park entry off Boundary Road, fencing course ground staff compound to improve security, Repairs and Maintenance to our aging infrastructure, continued improvement to the course (our pride and joy) and purchase of a new tractor for our hard working course staff.

Our investment in the solar panels continues to provide savings to the club with the estimated savings still exceeding the original estimates. The Board is continuing with its investigations into reducing costs further and we are currently considering several options with our water supply which is another significant cost to the club.

The Club continues to hold cash reserves of \$500,000 in investment, maintaining its position of financial security. Again I take this opportunity to remind you this investment would only maintain operations for three to four months should an unforeseen "event" occur.

The quality of the course continues to bring increasing numbers through our gates to play the game on our premier course. This along with the efforts of Brad our General Manager and his staff, our club professional Matt and his staff, promotion of the club for functions by our Bar Manger and Restaurant staff will continue to maintain the financial security of our assets into the future.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of all staff involved in their various operations of the club throughout the year, and again encourage all members to continue to patronise the facilities of the club.

Peter Brien
Treasurer

Captain's Report 2016

I may sound like a broken record but the following paragraph is the very same paragraph I have used to open my captain's report for the last few years. I don't see any reason to change it.

It has been another very good year for the Bathurst Golf Club, member participation in golf activities has increased and the club has consolidated its very sound financial position. Credit for this must be given to you, the club member, for the way you have supported all golfing activities during the year. All weekly competitions, Club Championships, Club Foursomes, the Bathurst Open and all major events were very well supported.

Because of your support the club has been able to consolidate its financial position for the eighth consecutive year and it all looks good for the future under the very capable management of Secretary Manager, Brad Constable supported by Charlie in the office, Brendan behind the bar and all his staff.

Some of the credit for the way you have supported the club must also go to Club Superintendent, David Rogers and his staff for the way they have presented the golf course throughout the year and to Club Professional, Matt Barrett and his staff for the way they have looked after club members and visitors. Matt's dedication to the job and the way that he has promoted all golf activities at the club has been fantastic.

During 2015 we identified a number of major events that were no longer supported to the same level as in previous years namely; the Jimmy Johnson and Leeholme trophies. To encourage more participation changes were made from matchplay to stableford format. The changes worked and for the first time in a number of years we actually had reserved for this competitions.

However, there were also a number of members who were very loud in their disagreement of the change. With this in mind the board has decided to revert back to the matchplay format for these competitions. I sincerely hope that these members are the first ones to put their names down when the list for these competitions comes up again this year.

Another change that was introduced last year was in the C grade championships from stroke to stableford to encourage more players to participate. Once again the participation numbers increased but unfortunately the change created problems we had not foreseen and it became an administration nightmare. For this reason, this year's championships will be played in the stroke format.

I do foresee that in the not too distant future the C grade champion will be determined by stroke but the handicap champion will be determined by stableford format. I shall wait and see how this concept will be supported.

A project that we took on in 2015 was to use a variety of media to promote all golf activities.

Our website www.bathurstgolf.com.au has kept members informed of club news, coming events and competitions results through the year. Local radio stations 2BS and BRock have kept members informed of competition results on a regular basis and the Western Advocate

has consistently printed a number of golf editorials each week. We sincerely thank these organizations for their support

Congratulations to all the major event winners and a big thank you to all who participated. A list of all major event winners can be found elsewhere in this Annual Report. Once again, the pennant sides performed very well and at the time of writing this report the division 3 pennant side captained by John Perfect will be playing in the final against Dubbo.

Unfortunately, the division 4 side narrowly lost their semifinal last week. We wish all the players all the best in the final play offs but regardless of what may happen we are very proud of the way that the players have represented the club.

Carrying out the Captain's duties with the support of Vice Captain, Bob Pardey was very easy going during the year. The very much appreciated help from Ian Farmer, on Thursdays and Ian Thomas whenever I am not available and Saturday's crew of David Lilly, John Young, Darren Smith, Darrell Bourke and all the other members that have sat at the scorer's table to give a hand during the year have made my job a very easy one. To all of you a very big thank you.

Club Captain
Manuel Pro

COURSE REPORT

During the spring and this summer our course has been in superb condition, I believe the best ever thanks to the efforts of David (course supervisor) 2IC Adam, Tom, Aaron and Mick. All members should be proud of our splendid course. This has come at some cost due to some very prolonged hot periods without significant falls of rain necessitating much heavier watering than normal. To enable the club to budget each year for water costs we recently had a meeting with Mayor Gary Rush and Deputy Ian North, and were given a good hearing and await a decision from council.

During the year a new 13th tee was constructed and has made this a feature hole giving a complete new look towards the green. Also as part of our ongoing bunker renovations the 2 front bunkers on 13 had changes to their shape and new drainage installed.

An overall bunker renovation program has been instigated and will commence this year with all 4 bunkers on 14 set to be rebuilt first. This will commence after the men's and women's championships. The right hand fairway bunkers on 17 have been filled in and will be grassed mounds in future. Our overall target is to have the sand texture consistent in all our bunkers.

In the middle of the year David and club professional Matt travelled to the Gold Coast to observe greenkeepers renovating bunkers with a new drainage treatment incorporating aggregate sealed with a porous surface however, David believes it would not be suitable for us.

Despite the many storms and wild winds during the year we lost a minimum of trees and large branches, unfortunately many come at the most inconvenient times. After these storms the fairways were well and truly covered with leaves etc; but were easily handled with our large blower.

The policy of updating our equipment continued with the purchase of a New Holland front end loader. The balance of equipment with the exception of the bunker rake (to be replaced this year) is in excellent order.

The cart path program will continue this year with 16- 4 and 8th to receive work and the path adjacent to the 10th tee will be widened near the sand bin to allow carts coming from the 18th green to pass equipment and carts of players teeing off.

A bridge crossing the creek in front of the 8th tee was constructed and the old crossing which was an eyesore will have the turf established and the bare area with exposed tree roots between the 6th green and 8th tee will be turfed.

To ensure greater security of our course plant a man proof fence has been erected round the machinery shed allowing all equipment to be stored in a secure area.

Our multi skilled course staff laid the large concrete driveway for the Boundary road entrance to the top car park, a very professional job. Also during the year the top car park after the construction of the new cart shed was levelled off and surfaced with a crushed aggregate that after watering and rolling has given us a good hard surface.

Congratulations to Brad and the entire staff for bringing in yet another good result.

Ian Farmer
Course Chairman

Bathurst Ladies Golf Annual Report

October 2015 saw a change of guard on the Women's committee with the incumbent committee of Patroness F Morris, President B Vickers, Captain C Burke and committee members B Clark, E Turner, J Mitchell, M Woodward, P Thompson, D Hope, J Roughley, M Cooper, C Litchfield, D Simpson, B Sandra, K Jamieson handing over to the new Committee.

The new Committee, comprising some new faces and some stalwart members, being Patroness M Woodward, President T Pender, Captain D Simpson, Committee members B Clark, J Mitchell, J Roughley, J Ross, K MacPherson, K Tanner, K Jamieson, B Sandra, K Ferris, C Litchfield, K Anderson, D Stewart.

The new committee would like to express its gratitude to the previous committee members for all the effort put into 2015 and previous years, the strength of Women's golf in Bathurst is itself a testament to their continued efforts. Particular thanks to outgoing President (Bev Vickers), Captain (Chris Bourke), Handicap Manager (Evelyn Turner) for their years of dedicated service to Bathurst Women's Golf. We also acknowledge and pay special tribute to Francie Morris for her role as Patroness for the last 25 years and to Margaret Woodward for 38 years of active committee service. We are pleased to advise that Margaret has now been honoured with, and accepted, the role of Patroness.

Club Championships were held in March 2015 with some excellent results (results below) with the current committee working to build participation in 2016. Our Annual Women's Tournament held in May 2015 and was once again a resounding success and planning is well underway for an equally successful 2016 Tournament.

The Committee has continued to strengthen women's golf both mid-week and weekend. In particular we have been seeking ways of encouraging new members and the participation of women and girls in all events. Bathurst Women's Golf now has a facebook page that is used to promote and encourage women's golf in Bathurst. The Bring and Friend days have been successful in encouraging new members and the Committee have developed a "welcome pack" for new members hopefully easing the sometime daunting transition from Social to Competition Golf. With the continued support from Matt, his staff, and the Club, we will do all we can to encourage more women to take up golf.

Our committee will endeavour to further contribute to the future directions of the Bathurst Golf Club, we look forward to working closely with the new Board, Dave and the grounds committee, Brad and his staff, and our Professional Matt and his staff to better not only women's golf at Bathurst Golf Club but the game in general.

Finally on behalf of the committee I would like to thank Ray and the current Board members for their openness and acceptance of suggestions from the Women's Committee particularly in regards to course safety, especially around the 5th and 6th tees. We look forward to seeing the improved women's tees on future course management agenda for 2016. We also thank Brad, Brendan, Dave and staff along with Matt, Tom and staff for all their assistance over the past year and we sincerely wish the incoming Board members every success in the coming year and beyond.

Toni Pender
President Bathurst Lady Golfers

Major Event Winners 2015

Don O'Malley Cup Club Champion	Winner	Dylan Thompson
Stuart Robinson Cup 72 Hole Scratch B Grade	Winner	Brad Molenkamp
Adrian Fish Cup 72 Hole Scratch Bi Grade	Winner	Tim McKinnon
Eric Sargeant Trophy 72 Hole Scratch C Grade	Winner	Clinton Taylor
Presidents Trophy 72 Hole Handicap "A"	Winner	Don Lamb
Patrons Trophy 72 Hole Handicap "B"	Winner	Mitchell Colling
Captains Trophy 72 Hole Handicap "B 1"	Winner	John Lillie
Bert Norrie Trophy 72 Hole Handicap "C"	Winner	Adrian Cox
Veteran Scratch	Winner	John Boserio
Veteran Handicap	Winner	Alan Sillett
Junior Champion	Winner	Scott Matheson
Max Howard Trophy	Winner	Aaron McDonald
Foursomes Championship		
Scratch "A" Grade	Winners	Todd Buckley & Adam Lavelle
Scratch "B" Grade	Winners	John Perfect & Scott McMaha
Scratch "C" Grade	Winners	Andrew Short & Graham Simpson
Handicap "A" Grade	Winners	Brian Walsh & Norm Matheson
Handicap "B" Grade	Winners	Phi Sutton & Ron Bender
Handicap "C" Grade	Winners	Tim McCrossin & Ben McCrossin
Mixed Foursomes Scratch	Winners	Mary Housler & Paul Bright
Mixed Foursomes Handicap	Winners	Chris Burke & Kevin Burke
Jennifer Pardey Trophy	Winners	TBA
Dowling Point Score	Winners	Colin Hope & Dianne Hope
Pedro Martins Medal Play Off	Winner	Greg Adams

Thursday Point Score	Winner	Max Culkin
Scobie Cup Saturday Point Score	Winner	Ben McCrossin
Scratch Point Score	Winner	Phil Campbell
Maneela Mug	Winner	Ben McCrossin
Jimmy Johnson	Winners	Don Lamb & Clinton Lamb
	Runner Up	John Murphy & John Lillie
Ivor Hector	Winner	Zane Beale
	Runner Up	Darryn Bruce
Leeholme Cup	Winner	Stephen Dury
	Runners Up	Tim McKinnon
Summer Cup	Winner	Peter Starkey

Ladies Major Event Winners 2015

Event	Winner	Runner up
Annual Tournament Div 1	C Litchfield	K Ferris
Annual Tournament Div 2	L Pellow	L Morgan
Annual Tournament Div 3	J Campbell	L Meyers
Tournament Foursomes Div 1	C Litchfield / K Ferris	J Williams / K Roe
Tournament Foursomes Div 2	K Macpherson/D Stewart	E McGuigan / L Cragg
Club Championships Div 1	C Litchfield	A McHugh
Club Championships Div 2	T Pender	J Tyson
Club Foursomes Championships Div 1	C Litchfield / K Ferris	D McCarthy / E McCarthy
Club Foursomes Championships Div 2	M Cooper / B Anderson	D Williams / H Dunne
Glanmire Cup	B Piddington	S Thompson
Woodward / Hallstrom 4 Ball Matchplay	S Cregan / K Jamieson	B Piddington / C Burke

Number of Members

Membership as at 31st December 2015

Category	2015	2014		2015	2014
Playing	497	483	Junior Members	102	84
Concession	118	116	Life Members	5	5
Intermediate	26	32	House (Social)	394	380
		Country	4	6	

Note all categories include ladies.

The number of financial members for 2014 was 1106. The number of financial members for 2015 was 1146.

MINUTES OF THE BATHURST GOLF CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Clubhouse on Monday the 30th March 2015

Meeting commenced 7:30 pm

Present: 30 Members as per the attached list.

Apologies: Tony McIntosh, Col Hope, Tony Davis, Bruce & Lyn Cameron, Ray Pepper, Bob Cassidy, Bev & Jim Vickers, Kevin Burke.

Minutes : 1 Moved Robert Pardey seconded Jim Johnston that the minutes as presented be signed as a true and accurate record of AGM held 31st March 2014. Carried

Business Arising: Nil.

Directors Report: 2 Moved Bill Dickie Seconded Norm Matheson that the Directors report be accepted. Carried.

Financial Statement 3: Moved Jim Johnston seconded Bob Pardey that the Profit & Loss account, Balance Sheet and Auditors report be accepted. Carried

Election of Officers: 4

President -	P Oxley	Elected unopposed
Captain-	M Pro	Elected unopposed
Vice-President -	R Stapley	Elected by ballot
Vice-Captain-	R Pardey	Elected unopposed
Honorary Treasurer-	P Brien	Elected unopposed
Committee-	T Dickie, I Farmer, N Matheson, P Sheppard M Meredith.	

* Note - Committee elected by ballot

Patrons:5

Moved Ray Stapley seconded by Trevor Dickie that incumbent patron's Tony Pryce and Vince Moase to be returned for the 2015/16 year. Note that Ian Farmer to stand down as a patron due to becoming an elected member of the Committee.

No General business.

Recommendations to incoming Committee:

1. B Boschman: Positive talk about new cart shed being built, consider organising parking spaces especially for trailers.
2. B M'Crystal: Object to paying for Club championship lump sum up front. **No Change**
3. T Murray: C grade championships should not be a stableford competiton. **Stand for 2015**

Meeting closed 8.07pm

Signed.....Paul Oxley.....(Chairman)

Date 22/04/2015