

### Chairman's Report—Don Murray

Another year comes to an end with Closing Days on the 28th and 29th November.

New Ladies and Mens Committees have been formed and the Board looks forward to working with them during 2010.

The Current Board is:

Don Murray - Chairman

Glen Lyell - Vice Chairman (Marketing & Membership)

John Riseley - Finance

Michael Jones - Golf & Grounds

Dennis Hargraves - Grounds

A lot of projects have been completed this year, namely a new Buggy Shed (with a few spaces left), new Golf

Buggies being leased, which has proved to be a very successful investment. The opening of the new 7th Fairway, a number of bunkers and tees have been completed, also a new path and turning circle on the 10th tee which has a no parking area so we can keep all pull buggies off the paths to free up the area.

A new rock retaining wall is being erected at the back of the practice putting green. Also a new fence is being erected beside the renovated 1st tee which will necessitate all players having to walk around the back of the first tee for safety reasons. The Board is looking at a number of other projects coming

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...des the re-carpeting and painting of the Club House together with cleaning up the area in front of the Pro Shop. Our Club Pro Tom has had a very busy year with Golf Clinics and Demo Days, so just look out for when these days are on.

The Greens have just been renovated so we apologise for any inconvenience and hope they come back quickly.

The Board and all the staff at Wantima wish all members a safe and Merry Christmas.

Don Murray



### Men's Captain—Derek Bone

As the 2009 season draws to a close, we should take time to thank the Board and our hard working Green keeping staff (ably led by Drew) who have continued to improve our golfing facilities. The completion of the new 7th hole has certainly added to our enjoyment of playing the course. Reports from visitors to our club continue to be complimentary on our course improvements.

Thank you to all those people and business's that continue to sponsor many of our golf events, as this support allows the quality of events to continue to improve. Congratulations to all the winners of the major events during the year.

It is particularly pleasing to see our Junior brigade continuing to be successful at all levels in the championships.

The committee continues to address the slow play issue, and hope some of the

measures implemented has helped improve members concerns:

(a) The use of 8 minute time slots during club championships.

(b) The use of a mix of 6 & 8 minutes timeslots on Friday and Saturday competitions.

(c) Negotiations with the Board to introduce an independent course marshall (ongoing)

(d) Survey of members ideas to tackle the problem (Thanks to those who responded)

While the steps have helped the problem, the main solution still lies in each member endeavouring to play as promptly as possible, as giving consideration to those behind them who they may be holding up. Some suggested ideas include:

(a) First player teeing off prior to marking his card (whilst others mark their cards).

(b) Moving promptly & directly to your

ball & being ready to play your shot when it's your turn.

(c) Letting shorter hitters tee off first when players in front are out of range.

Finally on a personal note, I must thank all the hard working members of this years Men's Committee who have worked to enable all our club competitions to be run as smoothly & efficiently as possible. I'm sure the Monday Veterans & Friday competitions appreciate the efforts of Jim Robertson, who each week single handily processes the golf cards for those competitions.

Many changes lay ahead in 2010, particularly in relation to changes to the handicapping and course rating systems. We will try to keep members up to date with these changes when they occur. I look forward to seeing all members continue to enjoy Wantima's ever improving golf course in 2010





## Ladies Golf—Clare Grant



We've had a year of many changes and at the end it has been a very successful one. My committee has done more than what was expected of them and I thank them.

Our Guest Days were very successful thanks to some great sponsors and through our raffles we were able to make donations to the following:- The Victorian Bush

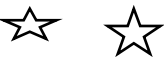
Cancer, Multiple Sclerosis and lastly to an appeal run by the Firies to raise money for David Galvin, son of Joe and Sandra who have been members of Wantima for many years. My thanks for your support to Don and the Board members Trevor, the office and board Luke and the kitchen staff and his helpers in the Pro and Drew and his staff for a job

well done. Congratulations to all who competed successfully all over Australia. May we all be back to do it all again next year.

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## Pro Shop—Tom Arnott

As the Golf Professional I have the privileged position of starting the field each competition day. After six months in the role I feel it is time for me to offer some advice as the OB (out of bounds) on the 1st Hole gets quite a workout.

### Why do we slice?

Are you ready to learn how to stop slicing and start ripping the ball down the middle of the fairway?

First you need to understand some reasons for that slice.

The first is the grip. This will determine the angle of the club face at impact. A weak grip will encourage an open club face.

Another common error is to lift the left shoulder too early through impact.

The swing path is usually determined by poor alignment or incorrect aiming. I am amazed at how often I ask people what they are aiming at and discover that what they think they are aiming at, and what they are actually aiming at, are two different things. When this happens the brain will automatically try to compensate and will cause an incorrect swing path. Another common error is trying to hit the ball too hard. The natural tendency when trying to hit the ball hard is to come from "over the top" in a casting motion. To get rid of a slice you will have to fight this tendency to "hit the ball hard". Timing and tempo have a far greater effect on distance control.

The golf swing is really a lot simpler than people make out. There is far too much technical and confusing information bandied about for the average golfer. Keep it simple I say.

On a final note I would like to thank all the Members for their support and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Regards,  
Tom Arnott

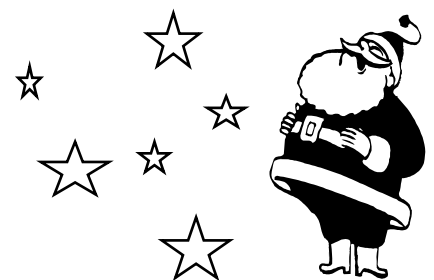
## Sub Juniors —Michael Steele

The Wantima Sub-Junior Competition (8 to 14yr old) continued to flourish during 2009. 35 kids have now played golf in our competition during the year with weekly average attendance of 15. Our club championships were played during October with 23 kids playing in each round! Our closing day was held on the 5th

December, where we played an Ambrose competition followed by the presentation of trophies.

I would like to thank all the parents, committee members, Trevor Ward and the "raffle ticket team" for the assistance and support for this competition during the year.

It is planned that Sub Juniors will resume Saturday January 25th 2009. Merry Christmas



The Galvin Families wish to thank everyone for their kind wishes and generous donation after the tragic accident incurred by their son David



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