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Chairman's Report

Golf Management Committee Report

The first meeting of the Golf WA Golf Management Committee (GMC) was held in January 2011 and then each month for the remainder of the year.

Initially the focus of the GMC was to define the areas of responsibility for the new committee and draft the regulations that would govern its operation. The broad areas of responsibility were ultimately recommended to and agreed by the Board and resulted in the sub-committees as listed in the Chairman's Report.

The Technical Sub-committee, while keeping abreast of the changes to the handicapping system being introduced by Golf Australia, focused on completing the rating of all courses in WA in preparation for the introduction of the Slope component of the handicapping system in 2013. It was pleasing to see that this exercise was completed ahead of schedule and below budget with all 224 courses affiliated with Golf WA rerated by the end of October 2011.

The High Performance Sub-committee completed a review of both the Men's and Women's elite programmes and introduced a number of new initiatives that will in time deliver the goals they have set regarding the performance of our elite golfers. Some of these goals have already been met and of particular note was the performances of our Women's and Men's teams as well as some standout individual performances as detailed in the Chairman's Report. We have also aligned ourselves more closely with the Golf Australia High Performance Programme as Golf Australia in 2011 introduced a National Coach in each state to assist in High Performance.

The Events and Tournaments Sub-committee commenced by reviewing some of the common regulations that relate to the conduct of Men's and Women's golf in WA and the conduct of events under the control of Golf WA. The most significant change in 2011 was to hold both the Junior Boys and Junior Girls State Amateur Championship event together on the same course. It is proposed to also hold both the Men's and Women's State Amateur Championship together in 2012. Some minor changes to the format of the pennant competitions have been introduced for 2012 with more significant changes to be discussed with competing clubs for 2013.

The Game Development Sub-committee focused this year on the introduction of MYGolf to schools in the metropolitan and country areas and the setting up of MYGolf centres to support young golfers coming from the introductory lessons at their schools. Some work has continued with the clinics to introduce more women to the game and this area will receive more support in 2012 along with developing a better relationship with the large number of social golf clubs operating in the Perth region. It is also intended to deliver more programmes to regional areas in 2012.

The Education and Services Sub-committee commenced by looking at the needs of the various clubs and districts that are affiliated with Golf WA. The use of the internet and other forms of electronic



communication (Facebook, Twitter) are becoming more common and acceptable and their use is being fully explored by this sub-committee. The Golfers Handbook will continue to be published albeit in a much briefer version than previous years.

Overall the year has been one of steady progress for the GMC and now that all committee members are comfortable in the structure and direction of the committee we can look forward to a successful 2012.

Graeme Parsons
Chairperson

Chief Executive Report

- Expand on Strategic Plan , communication in particular
- Acknowledge and thank various sponsors and govt agencies
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Finance

As has been referred to by the Chairman, financially 2011 was a sound one for GolfWA, producing a surplus of \$..... against a budgeted deficit of \$30,680, a variance of \$..... It must be stated that the budget for 2011 was based on past history of both the WAGA and WGWA with assumptions made on projected activities given the amalgamation in 2011. However clearly once GolfWA became operational, due to economies of scale and ongoing reviews and changes to programmes, the performance against budget produced a positive variance.

The budget for 2011 was also based on the assumption that all activities would be conducted under the banner of GolfWA as from January 1, 2011. However it was later agreed that transactions incurred by the WAGA would continue to be recorded in their books until the WAGA was officially dissolved by the Department of Commerce following completion of the necessary Distribution Plan. This occurred in early May and thus any transactions relating to WAGA activities in the first 4 months of the year are not recorded in the accounts of GolfWA individually. However, they are reflected in the Transfer of Funds shown in the Balance Sheet.

Similarly, the activities of the Graham Marsh Junior Golf Foundation continued to be recorded in their books and as a result income and expenditure for junior events previously conducted by the GMJF was only recorded in the accounts of GolfWA from October onwards.

In reference to the Audited Financial Reports for 2011, the following are the major factors to be noted:-

Income

As a result of the accounting treatments mentioned above, some Income areas were considerably under budget, they being Golf Australia Affiliation Fees and Event Income. However Funding and Grants were in excess of Budget due to the delay in signing the Memorandum of Understanding with Golf Australia for 2010/11 which was finalised in March. As a result, all of this funding (\$30K) is shown in the 2011 accounts together with \$15k for the first 6 months of the 2011/12 Memorandum of Understanding as this has been signed off with Golf Australia.

Rent Receivable was less than budget by some \$20,000 due to the delay in securing a tenant for the property at Labouchere Road. These premises were eventually leased in August 2011 after a small refurbishment.

The other significant variation to Budget was Sundry Income which was considerably above budget due to the performances of the State Women's Team in winning the Interstate Series, together with the several



individuals winning National Ranking events. Under an agreement between Srixon and Golf Australia, prize money was paid to State bodies based on their teams/individuals winning certain events. Unfortunately, the above 3 year agreement ceased as at December 31, 2011.

Expenditure

As per GA Affiliation Fee Income and Entry Fees from Competitions, GA Affiliation Fee expense and Competition Expenses were also under budget for 2011. It is also worth noting that as the GA Affiliation Fee is for the period July 1 – June 30, adjustments are undertaken to both GA Affiliation Fee Income and GA Affiliation Fee Expense to reflect the amount of fee received in advance from clubs for the first 6 months of 2012 and paid to GA in advance for the same 6 months.

As has been mentioned, as part of the amalgamation of the two previous governing bodies, a thorough review of all programmes previously conducted and thus to be implemented in 2011 was undertaken and as a result some programmes that would normally have occurred from the beginning of the year were delayed, revamped or not conducted.

One such area was that of High Performance and as a result Travel, Accommodation, Meals and Allowances was significantly under budget due to reduced High Performance programmes or reduced participation in National Ranking events at the beginning of the year. Notwithstanding there were considerable savings also as the costs of many players attending National Ranking events was met by Golf Australia. Overall savings in this area were just over \$57K and there was also some savings of just under \$10K in Travel and Accommodation for Course Rating.

Additionally in other areas of High Performance, costs were under budget for Coaching due to programme changes and also in uniform costs due to the support of Drummond Golf.

As has been mentioned by the Chairman, a very important programme this year is that of MYGolf and other Game Development initiatives. As per High Performance, a review of these Development programmes was undertaken to ensure we implemented them in the right manner and as such some programmes were delayed. As a result Game Development was nearly \$30k under budget.

In Administration, Computing costs were significantly more than anticipated, with much of the costs being attributable to the migration of software resulting from the amalgamation, together with increased costs of maintaining the website and the Tournament Registration system. We also experienced issues with the wireless network throughout the year, which we trust will be resolved with the office refurbishment.

Employment costs were under Budget due to the timing of the recruitment of Matt Espie as Junior Development Officer and not replacing Pauline Dennis when she decided for family reasons not to continue after December 31, 2010. It is appropriate that the contribution made by Pauline to the WAGA be recognised and we thank her for her significant commitment to the WAGA and GMJGF for over 20 years of employment.

As can be seen from the accounts, there were savings in other Expenditure items resulting from changes in office practices and economies of scale.

Events

The following is a list of major tournaments conducted by GolfWA throughout 2011 showing the results of each event. All of these tournaments are hosted by our Affiliated Clubs and we are greatly appreciative of their continued support in hosting such events.

Tournament	Venue	Winners	Runners Up
WA Open	Royal Fremantle	Rohan Blizzard (Vic) Leading Amateur – Daniel Nisbet (Qld)	Joint Runners Up – Ashley Hall (Vic) David McKenzie (Vic) Matt Jager
WA Women's Amateur	Wanneroo	Min Jee Lee	Grace Lennon (Vic)
WA Women's Amateur Medal	Wanneroo	Min Jee Lee	Rhianna Davies
WA Men's Amateur	Melville Glades	Matt Steiger	Ray Chow
WA Men's Amateur Medal	Melville Glades	Ben Seward	Joint Runners Up – Michael Dennis, Matt Steiger (NSW)
WA Women's 72 Hole Strokeplay	Lake Karrinyup	Jessica Speechley	Joint Runners Up – Whitney Hillier; Breanna Elliott (Vic)
Ivie Temperley Consistency		Rhianna Davies	
Paxton Averages		Michael Dennis	
WA Junior Girl's Amateur	Kwinana	Hannah Green	Juily Vasandani
WA Junior Boy's Amateur	Kwinana	Curtis Luck	Jarryd Felton
WA Women's Senior Amateur	Wanneroo	Debra Majteles	
WA Men's Senior Amateur	Mandurah	Stefan Albinski (NSW)	Graeme Bowen
WA Women's Amateur Foursomes	WA Golf Club	Alison Eather & Mardi Evans	Whitney Harvey & Zoe Kemp
WA Men's Open Foursomes	Mt Lawley	Jason Scrivener & Tobi Price	Michael Dennis & Ryan Peake
WA Men's Amateur Foursomes	Mt Lawley	Michael Dennis & Ryan Peake	Daniel Hoeve & Brady Watt
Women's Regional Seniors	Bridgetown	D Newman	J Kelly c/b
Women's Provincial	Williams	Di Smith	Kerry Fewster
WA State Sand Greens	Goomalling	Ryan Peake	Cruze Strange
Men's Country Foursomes	Mt Lawley	Adam Davey & J Ahn	R Western & G Kennedy
Men's Country Champion	Royal Perth	Danny Ennor	Steve Lord
Women's Country Bronze	Sun City & Lakelands	Grass Greens - Joan Barron c/b Sand Greens - Janice Broun c/b	Rosie Burnett Colleen Mitchell
Women's Country Silver	Sun City & Lakelands	Grass Greens: Gail Flatman Sand Greens: Ev Hutchinson	Sally Chandler Linda Ritchie
Women's Division 1 Pennant	Various	Lake Karrinyup	WA Golf Club
Women's Division 2 Pennant	Various	Wanneroo	Melville Glades
Men's Division 1 "A" Pennant	Various	Gosnells	Royal Perth
Men's Division 2 "A" Pennant	Various	Lakelands	Lake Karrinyup
Men's Division 3 "A" Pennant	Various	Rockingham	Sea View
Men's Senior Individual Pennant Div 1	Various	Joondalup	Lake Karrinyup
Men's Senior Individual Pennant Div 2	Various	Cottesloe	Royal Perth
Hastings Reid Cup	Mosman Park	Mosman Park	Rockingham



Membership

Below is a table showing the number of Members of clubs affiliated with GolfWA in 2011.

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Gary Thomas
Chief Executive