LADY CAPTAIN'S REPORT - ANNUAL MEETING - 7TH OCTOBER 2010

WELCOME LADIES & BOARD MEMBERS TO THE ANNUAL METTING OF THE LADY MEMBERS OF BOWRAL GOLF CLUB.

NO GAME OF GOLF WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT THE AID OF ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF.

THESE INCLUDE HAMISH MCFARLANE AND HIS SUPPORT TEAM – DAD'S ARMY, DAMIAN GAIR & HIS GREENS STAFF, TRUDY & THE OFFICE STAFF, BAR & KITCHEN STAFF FOR KEEPING US FEED AND WATERED DURING THE YEAR AND OF COURSE TONY & CRAIG IN THE PRO SHOPTHANK YOU ALL.

THE LAST THANK YOU OF COURSE GOES TO ALL THE LADY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DONATED TROPHIES DURING THE YEAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN 2011.

IN 2010 WE FIELDED A PENNANT TEAM IN THE BRONZE SHIELD DIVISION. THE TEAM HAD MIXED SUCCESS, AND REPRESENTED YOUR CLUB IN THE SPIRIT IN WHICH THESE MATCHES ARE MEANT TO BE PLAYED.

I HAVE PUT MY NECK ON THE LINE FOR 2011 AND NOMINATED TEAMS IN 3 DIVISIONS -

THE CSGA PLATE, BRONZE SHIELD AND THE EMILY HURT SHIELD - A DIVISION DESIGNED FOR THE LONGER MARKERS AND A STEPPING STONE FOR PLAYERS TO EXPERIENCE MATCH PLAY AT OTHER CLUBS.

IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO REPRESENT YOUR CLUB IN THESE MATCHES AND MORE IMPORTANTLY IT IS A CHANCE TO PLAY OTHER COURSES, HAVE "FUN" AND FORM FRIENDSHIPS.

AS REPORTED IN 2009 THE NEW HANDICAP SYSTEM WAS INTRODUCED.

GOLF AUSTRALIA ARE CURRENTLY HAVING ISSUES WITH SOME OF THE ENHANCEMENTS AND HAVE PUT ON "HOLD" SOME OF THE NEXT PHASES WHICH WERE TO BE INTRODUCED LATER THIS YEAR.

THE SIZE OF THE PLAYING FIELDS ESPECIALLY THE TUESDAY FIELDS FOR 2010 HAS BEEN MIXED. THIS MAY BE DUE TO COLD WEATHER AND OR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. YOUR MATCH COMMITTEE IS ALWAYS LOOKING TO INTRODUCE A VARIETY OF GAMES, BUT WE NEED YOU TO TELL US WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE.

MY SINCERE THANKS TO BARBARA WESTWOOD, JOAN POLGLASE & BLANDINA MEERE FOR THE INSPIRATION THEY GIVE TO NEW MEMBERS AT THE CLINICS AND THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT EACH FRIDAY.

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN OUR JUNIOR'S PROGRAMME & WHILST MOST WEDNESDAY & FRIDAYS WE HAVE A BAND OF SUB JUNIOR MALES ATTENDING WE ARE HOPEFUL SOME GIRLS MAY JOIN THE PROGRAMME LATER IN THE YEAR.

THE MAJOR INTERCLUB & INTRACLUB EVENTS FOR 2010 ARE NOT YET COMPLETE BUT I CAN REPORT THAT THE:

CAPTAIN V CAPTAIN TEAM EVENT WAS A TIE

BOWRAL WAS VICTORIOUS OVER MOSS VALE IN THE UNITY CUP,

BOWRAL GOULBURN SHIELD – AUTUMN MATCH WENT TO GOULBURN AND THE SPRING MATCH WILL BE PLAYED NEXT WEEK

COLIN STAMM SALVER – AGAINST MOSS VALE & HIGHLANDS WAS WON BY MOSS VALE IN 2009 AND WILL BE PLAYED THIS YEAR ON 29TH OCTOBER.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS HAS ARRIVED AND SO WILL THE FRIDAY CHICKEN RUN. THIS YEAR ROBERT ERIKSSON HAS TAKEN THE EVENT UNDER HIS WING AND I KNOW HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MANY PLAYERS TAKE PART.

AS I TAKE ON THE CAPTAINCY FOR ANOTHER YEAR I THANK ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, & ESPECIALLLY THE MATCH COMMITTEE FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE DURING THE YEAR. WE MUST ALL REMEMBER THESE POSITIONS ARE VOLUNTARY AND WE DO OUR BEST TO MAKE YOUR CLUB SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE FOR ALL.

THANK YOU LADIES & GENTLEMEN AND MAY YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT EXPERIENCE IN THE FORTHCOMING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS.

PAM BARKER – LADY CAPTAIN 2010