

# Port Vila Golf & Country Club



SEPTEMBER 2009

## 2009 Tusker Vanuatu Golf Open

Well the 2009 Tusker VGO is over for another year.

The weather was extremely unkind over the first few days but brightened up a bit on the last day.

Despite the rain and water soaked fairways the VGO was definitely a success even though the numbers were down a bit on last year.

If you can't remember what happened check out the club web site and click on the VGO Results tab.

The winner of the event with an incredible 25 under

par was Jason King. He was 11 shots ahead of his nearest rival Brad Macintosh.

In the Mens A grade the first four places were filled by PVGCC members. Kora Mansale beat Josepho Matuatu on a count back to win the event.

In B grade Bernie Cain took out the Stableford event with Mitch Clement coming in 3rd.

Peter Rotteveel was our only contender in C grade with 2nd place.

In the Ladies A grade Ata Mansale & Regina Cottam claimed 3rd and 7th places respectively while our local ladies filled the first five B grade places. Sharon

Smith winning comfortably from Estella Alick.

Tusker has confirmed that it will be the naming sponsor for the 2010 VGO. It has also announced that it will also sponsor a seniors event next year.

The Ladies presentation at Le Lagon on the Saturday evening went like clockwork.

The Sunday presentation at the club was done in record time and participants were able to enjoy the extra kegs supplied by the major sponsor—Tusker.

Job well done to the VGO Committee that worked long and hard for months before.

## Web site

If you haven't had a look at the club web site take a moment .... Bryn Burnett spends hours of his own time continually updating it.

It is a very professional site and the number of hits (computer talk for number of people who have looked at it) is increasing all the time.

There is a lot of information available from fees to weekend results to ladies golf to penants results (when made available) plus heaps more.

The VGO link also has quite a few photos that were taken over the week.

Have a look.....

## Maintenance type stuff.....

### Course:

Now that the Club Championships are over work will recommence on the course.

The rest of the bunkers will be renovated in the same style as those that have already been

done (eg 12th).

Work will also start on extending the back of the 5th green to make it a bit longer. This will obviously depend on the weather.

Renovation work on the drain along the 15th will also commence soon. The plan is to move it

back so that it runs along the fence line and behind the 16th tee. The whole area will then be levelled off. It will still be rough but should be playable. The OB markers will be relocated to the drain along the fence.

### Club House

We should have the painter back shortly to complete the internal painting.

When that is done all the boards can be rehung on the walls and we will have a club house with a nice fresh feel about it.



**Membership subscriptions are now overdue..... If you haven't paid then you cannot play**

**Intraco is paying the full meal cost at the presentation for those who paid for the 4 day comp**

## 2009 - 2010 membership fees

Fees for the coming year became due on 1 July 2009. The club permits a little bit of leeway and allows members until the end of August to settle their fees.

A condition of entry to the Club Championships is that a member must be financial so pretty much from that date if you haven't paid or made arrangements with the club manager you can't play.

A list of financial members is now held by the starter and you will be required to pay green fees before playing if you have outstanding fees.

A number of members pay their fees half yearly so if this is appropriate for you then see Winnie and she will make arrangements.

Remember .....no pay = no play.....

## Intraco/Mitsubishi Motors Club Championships

We started off with 55 players 4 weeks ago and ended up with 44 playing the last of four rounds of the Intraco/Mitsubishi Motors Club Championships.

In the Mens A grade gross event only 6 strokes separated the first 7 players. It was exactly the same in B grade. Not a great difference in C grade.

In the 2nd & 3rd rounds the gaps started to widen with some of the initial leaders fading a bit.

Josepho had a good 2nd round and was able to keep his head in front to take out the A grade gross (& Club Champion trophy) by 5 strokes from Mal-

colm Malapa.

In B grade Bernie Cain faded a bit in the 2nd round but then settled down to consistent golf to take the lead by 2 from Kevin Mansale with Mitch Clement only another stroke behind.

Davey Outhred gave Mark Trezise a bit of a run for his money in round 1 but Mark kept at it round after round and won C grade with a credible 14 stroke lead.

The ladies would have maintained their 12 starters if Shelley had not had to suddenly return to NZ.

Ata Mansale had 3 very good rounds to lead by 11 coming into

round 4. Angela Savy shot an 83 off the stick in the last round to reduce Ata's lead to 5.

In the ladies B grade Shelley Flintoff was giving Sharon Smith a small battle until her unexpected departure. An 86/64 in round 3 gave Sharon a handy lead. The wheels started to come off in the last round but she cruised in 12 strokes ahead of Bernadette Smith.

Conditions over the 4 days were excellent and it became a challenge to control the run of the ball when it hit the fairway....well for those accurate enough to land there. Presentation on 25/9



# Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held as planned on Sat, 15 August. The number of people in attendance was impressive but the number of financial members was disappointing.



The new committee for 2009-2010 is Ian Campbell - President & Secretary, Robert Sugden - Vice President, Andy Cottam - Treasurer & Club Captain, Regina cottam - Ladies Captain, Members - Peter Rotteveel, Mark Trezise, Tony Ryan, Alan Burke, Peter Brickland, Bev Stafford, Bernadette Smith & John Hayden.

The Match Committee comprises Andy & Regina Cottam, Bernadette Smith, Tony

Ryan, Robert Sugden & Peter Brickland.

Fund Raising Committee comprises Bev Stafford, Bernadette Smith, Regina Cottam, Mark Trezise, Peter Brickland & Alan Burke.

The new committee has a number of initiatives to boost the finances of the club. If approved by the Board they will be communicated to members.

## Sponsorship

This is the spot to again show our appreciation to our sponsors.

Auto Distribution has sponsored 3 monthly medals. Thanks Thierry & Raymond.

Prestige Motors/Kia sponsored the Vanuatu Amateur Champi-

onships at the start of August.

Tusker sponsored the Vanuatu Golf Open and has confirmed that it will again be the major sponsor in 2010.

Saturday events were sponsored by Trade Winds, Rotary,

Sharper Image and Thrifty Auto Centre.

The club also welcomes two new corporate sponsors - Carpenter Motors and National Bank of Vanuatu.

Lets try and support those that support the club.

## Upcoming events

ANZ Charity Day in November. Arrangements are still underway and will be communicated when known.

A feature of this years ANZ Day will be zero nomination fee for those that sign up for membership prior to or on the day provid-

ing the full years pro-rata membership fee is paid in full. A number of ladies have already joined up.

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