



## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

### COURSE IMPROVEMENT LEVY

The next few years are crucial to the survival of our Golf Club. We have a development opportunity in the wings, that is travelling along nicely where the Site Compatibility Certificate has been lodged and we are expecting approval of this certificate in late September. All good news, however, the new course and clubhouse is still three to four years off. In this time we still need to improve our revenue and keep ourselves viable.

The Board believes that the best way to retain and improve upon our membership base is to present the course in the best condition possible given our budgetary limitations. Our experiences in recent history tell us the one thing that has let the course down is the fairways.

With the recent improvements to reliability and performance of the pumping system and a full dam, the opportunity for course improvement is excellent.

We have lost significant numbers of members over the last couple of years and lack of fairway watering can be attributed to a good percentage of members not renewing. The development addresses this problem, but we do not believe we can wait that long.

We have discussed the possibility of commencing improvements with the developers and they have indicated that they are willing to negotiate an offset of the value of the completed work for other course improvements.

***Therefore, the Board has decided to impose a levy of \$1.00 on all rounds of golf played at Shortland Waters Golf Club. This levy will take effect from 1 September 2010.***

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY & HOW IT WILL WORK!**

- The levy will be accounted for in a newly created "Course Improvement" account.
- We will show the progress of the account to the membership by way of weekly graphs, displayed in the Pro Shop and within the Clubhouse.
- Each improvement will be identified, saved for and then completed, before the next project starts.
- There will be a plan of upcoming projects (see attachment). Initially, priority will be given to fairway watering.

It is projected that we will be able to raise around \$40,000 per year, which equates to fairway watering systems being installed in at least four fairways by this time next year. We have all witnessed how well the 9<sup>th</sup> hole is looking, and that was virtually done after last year's growing season. So to steal the words of our embattled political leader – "*we're moving forward*". We thank you for your support of this very necessary initiative in advance.

Board of Directors.

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## Project Schedule: Sept 2010 – June 2011

Target #	Project Name	Scope	Funds Required	Project Completion Date
1	12th Fairway	Complete installation of fairway watering system. Fix drainage in front of green. Returf some areas.	\$8,282 **	Mid November
2	6th Hole bunker renovation	To remodel the RHS bunker on the 6 <sup>th</sup> hole. It would be filled in approx. 3 metres from the left edge to increase the landing zone in front of green. Bunkers on 6, 8 & 12 will be filled with sand during this process.	\$1,815	Early December
3	2nd Fairway	Complete installation of fairway watering system. Fix drainage in front of green. Returf some areas.	\$15,167	February 2011
4	4th Fairway	Complete installation of fairway watering system. Returf some areas.	\$10,232	June 2011

\*\* Please note: Due to a sponsorship of sprinkler heads there is already a value of \$3,186 within this project. Project originally costed at \$11,468.

