

Treasures Report Richmond Golf Club 2010-2011.

This is my first report to you the members of RGC, and although I have been treasurer of many organisations, I must confess that Richmond Golf Club is by far the greatest challenge I have ever taken on.

I have completed the first year of my term, and it is an unfortunate fact that although the previous Board had set down a budget that would have a loss, the dimension of the loss that was realised is indeed disappointing.

The Government has not granted the club a long-term lease, and although there is little doubt they will extend the term for many years to come, the fact is that from an accounting point of view, all assets are being written down over a very short term. This makes for a terrible bottom line to our profit and loss statement, however more worrying is our trading result.

Negotiations are underway with Government departments to resolve this issue.

In simple English the fact is that the new budget for 2011-2012 which has been crafted to bring about consolidation, allowing virtually for no new expenditure of money on Capital items, the new Golf Carts excepted, with very close attention to all expenses.

After the first quarter of the New Financial Year I must report to you that the membership, and there for the top line of this years budget, is not to my expectations, and although we have been slowly picking up our membership. The fact remains that we are underfunded.

As a Board we must address the issue of balancing expenses against the income, it goes with out saying that we can only spend what we have, there-in is the underlying problem.

Already this Board has made cuts to expenses in all departments other than the golf course and to balance these cuts, small increase in most categories' have placed our income streams in the best position possible, market forces permitting.

It's a fact that RGC has an excellent golf playing facility, however, the cost of running the overall operation is difficult to sustain in terms of the cost verses the income derived from the other "Club" facilities. Specifically the Gaming (which is absolutely fundamental to our survival) and then we have the restaurant and function facility, and the bar trading which is common to all modules.

As your treasurer I am absolutely committed to finding answers to our current position. These answers may include some major changes, but this should not worry us, for as an industry, many changes are happening all the time, the main thing is to be ahead of the game, constantly improving our performance in all areas, fine tuning costs as much as possible, and staying on our toes, so that we are able to react quickly to what ever comes our way.

At this time I would like to thank Mike, our club manager, for his support, and readiness to implement the changes I have sought in addressing matters financial. I would also like to complement my fellow Board members, for backing my finance committee at a time when, the implementation of hard policy is always difficult.

Jim Bullock.