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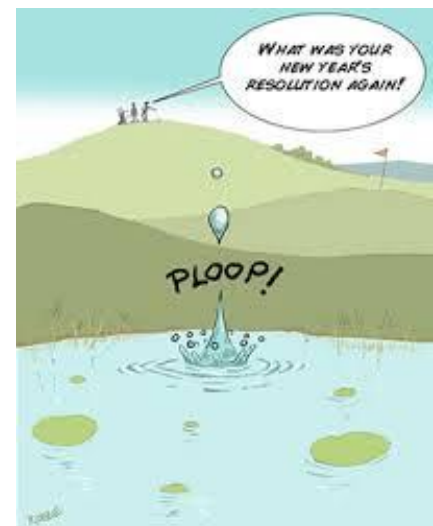
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North West Bay Golf Club Web Site

The Club has a new web site. To access the new site, use the following link:

<http://www.northwestbaygolfclub.com.au/>

The new site is still a work in progress. However, members can access the competition roster, competition results, newsletters and more.

Happy New Year



The Board of Management wishes all members great golfing in 2017.

Associates News by Sue Symons

The Associates wish to thank the greenkeepers and volunteers for the excellent condition of the golf course at present. It is a real credit to all of you.

This month we have welcomed two new associates to our fold, Ruth Sawford and Suzanne Pretty who appear to be settling in well to the club. Welcome ladies, hope you enjoy your golf and social life here at North West Bay.

Southern Country pennant begins on 27 February. We hope to field a team and wish the team all the best for this pennant season which runs right through until May, quite a long season this year.

Monthly Trophy winner for January was Maree Roberts. Stableford results this week shows some good scores, Colleen Thompson had 39 points and Julie Collett and Sue Symons both had 36.

A new combination was introduced on Thursday, a stableford multiplier, Pat Irvine and Maree combined very well to have 75 points, followed by Carol Mackey and Sue with 58 and Annette Grimes and Sandy Young 57. The game was played in good spirits and required good concentration skills!!

Next week we play the first round of the Silver Spoon, an event conducted by Golf Tasmania, consisting of four rounds and then a play off for someone to represent North West Bay against all other southern clubs, including metropolitan and country.

Some Associates have begun the tedious chore of clearing out the small trophy boards and pennants in the club house and also a lot of other paraphernalia, all packed and labelled in an orderly fashion, ready for the container, if and when required. Thanks ladies.

The Associates would like to wish all club members and associates the best for a great golfing year in 2017.

Sue

Competition News

Men's Monthly Medal Results February

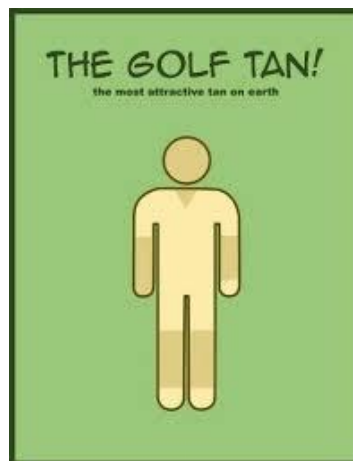
Saturday:

Craig Webb 84.17.67

Wednesday:

Mitchell Bessell 44 pts

Congratulations gentlemen.



Around the Club

The Club House

What is happening about the clubhouse?

It is a good question and regrettably there are no real answers.

In early December, the Club was told to be ready to vacate the premises after Christmas. Now we can remain in the clubhouse for a couple more months. After that, we do not know. However, the Club is ready to deal with whatever is decided by the owners.

Most members would have seen the container near the clubhouse. This has been provided by Adam Carr, Tascon Constructions to allow the Club to store and secure the Club's valuables if we need to vacate the building.

In addition, Adam has also provided a site-office, which the Club can use to continue Club business if we are unable to remain in the Clubhouse.

Thanks to Adam Carr and Brett Rolf for their assistance in the planning for options if we need to vacate the premises. Additional thanks to Adam for providing the container and the site office at no cost to the Club.

The Club's members will be advised as information becomes available.

Junior Golf Program

In December, our Club hosted a "Come and Try" day for 40 students from Illawarra Primary.

Most of the youngsters had a good time and a few showed a lot of golfing promise. Hopefully, the Club can pick a few of these players up.

Shortly, letters will go to all local schools offering "Come and Try" days or more specific golf activities.

Course News

Grass

Recently members commented about the length of the fairway grass being too short.

At this time, the grass height is the same as it has been for the past six months or more.

One factor that may give the impression that the height of the grass has been reduced is the rate of the growth.

The fairways are mown once per week and as the grass growth rate has been rapid due to the heat and rain, the height of the grass is variable from long before cutting to the standard height after cutting.

As always, the aim is to provide a course that is suitable for players at all levels. To meet this aim, we have set standards that are a balance between those preferring longer grass and those preferring shorter grass. It would be great if we could have both heights to satisfy all players but this is impossible.

A reminder: Members are asked if they have any concerns or queries about the course to please direct these issues directly to the Club Captain or members of the Greens Committee. Please do not address the greens staff about any course issues.

Practice Green

As you may have seen, work has continued on the new practice green.

Weather and resources permitting, we hope to finalise the work shortly and once the grass is established, the green will be available to the members.

Rule Change – Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Green

The Club has now introduced a new local rule in line with R&A Guidelines regarding the accidental movement of a ball on a green.

The rule is as follows:

No penalty will be applied, if:

1. When preparing to putt, you accidentally cause the ball to move
2. You drop your ball causing the marker to move
3. You drop your ball marker causing the ball to move
4. You accidentally move your ball when lifting your marker
5. You accidentally kick your ball and it moves.

In all the above examples, the ball must be replaced on the original spot.

However, if you intentionally move or lift your ball on a putting green without first marking the ball, then a one stroke penalty will apply and the ball must be replaced.

This rule only applies to the greens and not the fairways, hazards, rough or surrounds.

Note: If it is determined that your ball on the putting green was moved because of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location without penalty.

A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

Chaplain's Corner by Peter Ball

I was on the eighth tee some years ago, when one of my fellow golfers was having a bad trot. I made the comment that this game is Character Building, hoping he might be somewhat encouraged.

However his quick response to that comment was, I've had enough character building thanks.

This put me in mind of comments on this subject by the Professional golfers, Jim Sheard and Wally Armstrong, found in their booklet entitled "Finishing the Course."

Quote:

"Golf is character-revealing if not a character-building game. In the final analysis, character is more important than how well we play the game. We often focus our attention on our successes, our accomplishments, our gains – including the car we drive or the house we live in – and on whether we win or lose. We often seek titles, a higher income, and the next promotion. But what God cares about is our character. He uses challenges, or even difficult golf holes, to help develop our character.

Golf refines our character because we are unable to control or perfect our game. If we could achieve total control, then there would be no character building. Life is the same way. Because we cannot control the circumstances and outcomes, our character grows, and we learn to trust God.

Adversity can help bring our character in to conformity with God. With the right perspective, adverse experiences help refine our character into His likeness.

"The ultimate aim of Golf lies not in victory or defeat, but in the perfection of the character of the participants." Unquote.

The late Arnold Palmer said "Success in this game depends less on strength of body than strength of mind and character".

Stay on the fairway,

Chaplain Peter.



Golf Humour:

A guy on vacation finishes his round, goes into the clubhouse. The head pro says, "Did you have a good time out there?"

The man replied "Fabulous, thank you."

"You're welcome," said the pro. "How did you find the greens?"

Said the man: "Easy. I just walked to the end of the fairways and there they were!"

During my physical, my doctor asked me about my daily activity level, so I described a typical day this way:

"Well, yesterday afternoon, I waded along the edge of a lake, drank eight beers, escaped from wild dogs in the heavy brush, marched up and down several rocky hills, stood in a patch of poison ivy, crawled out of quicksand and jumped away from an aggressive rattlesnake."

Inspired by the story, the doctor said, "You must be one hell of an outdoors man!"

"No," I replied, "I'm just a very bad golfer."

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