



# North West Bay Golf Club

## Newsletter *Birdies & Eagles*



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*"No, this isn't the year 1972. I think you spent way too much time looking for your ball in those woods."*

**North West Bay Golf Club  
Web Site**

To access the site, the link is:

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

Members can access the competition roster, competition results, newsletters and more.

**Associates News by Jan Palfreyman**

In recent weeks, we have played two pennant games, both at home. We had success against Orford 3/2 and Tea Tree 4/1. Thanks to all ladies who have made themselves available for the pennant games.

The monthly trophy for April was won by Sue Ball on a countback from Ruth Sawford.

Sue Symons won the Margaret Toogood Memorial.

Ruth Sawford also won the third round of the Silver Spoon.

The Associates put a team in the Corporate Day and thoroughly enjoyed their game.

Recently NWB and HV associates combined to raise money for the Helping Hands group which are based in Kingston. Edna Pennicott from Helping Hands came with two other ladies to accept the donation of about \$550, a great effort. Edna also encouraged the Associates to become involved in the group, helping those more unfortunate than ourselves, with cooking and donations, etc.

It is nice to see so many ladies playing 18 holes now with the use of the club ride-on buggies.

*Jan*

**Competition News**

***Men's Monthly Medal Results  
April***

Saturday:

**Peter Gartner 79.08.71**

Wednesday:

**Peter Ball 40pts**

Congratulations gentlemen.

***Annual President v Captain Match***

This year's President v Captain golf match has been fought and victory went to the President's team.

Congratulations Bill.

***Error Correction***

In the previous newsletter, I incorrectly noted the February monthly medal winners. Those named were the January winners. My apologies.

The February Monthly Medal winners were:

Saturday:

**Shane Gregg 77.12.65**

Wednesday:

**Ron King 42pts**

Shane was also the winner of the Cyril Southorn Trophy.

Congratulations gentlemen.



***Corporate Golf Day***

who played.

What a great day!!!  
These words are not mine. They come from many of those

Twenty-two teams participated in the competition.

And the winners were:

***Nett Winners:*** B Stanway, G Stanway, S Vantail, J Knightly

***Gross Winners:*** L Tumney, J Ramsden, W Seabourne, S Seabourne

***Ladies Winners:*** M Roberts, M Cormack, A Kruiink, G Morriss

Our thanks to Laurie Loves Tyres for their sponsorship and contribution to the day.

***Mixed Golf***

On Sunday 30 April, several ladies and a couple of men participated in a mixed golf match.

The winners were Don and Ruth.

Gents, there are a few good lady golfers keen to team up for the next mixed golf day. Come along and have a fun day.

***Around the Club***

***The Club House***

There is still no news about the future of the clubhouse.

***Wanted a Few Good Men and Women***

On Sunday, 21 May, we are having a working bee to do some work around the course. If you can spare a few hours between 10:00 and 1:00, your assistance will be welcomed.

The work will entail tidying garden beds, weed removal in bunkers, tidying around tee markers and signs and collecting rubbish from the course.

Please bring gloves and if you can, tools that will assist with the work.

A BBQ will follow.

***Quiz Night***

When:

Friday 26 May at 6pm. First question at 7pm

Where: At the Club.

***Entry fee: \$10.00 per person***

To reserve a table email the North West Bay Golf Club – [nwbgolf@bigpond.com](mailto:nwbgolf@bigpond.com)

***Tables of 6 or 8***

Numbers are limited to 10 teams

Prizes for the winning team, secret chair, secret location.

***Meals available by prior order from 6:00pm:***

**Menu and prices to be advised**

***Beverages available***



## Course News

### Men's 15<sup>th</sup> Tee

At the end of May, we are planning to level the 15<sup>th</sup> tee. The work will divide the existing tee bed into two separate level tees and creating a very minimal maintenance native garden area between the two tees.

It is expected there will be some minor disruptions to play during the work, but these will be kept to a minimum.

### Hydrocotyle Invasion

Hydrocotyle commonly known as Pennywort, is an annual problem on our course but for some reason, it has been particularly problematic this year and is evident on some greens, tees and fairways.

Controlling Hydrocotyle involves spraying the weed with chemicals and the chemical options are limited. However, even with regular spraying, the weed is hanging in there.

The Hydrocotyle does not pose a big problem on the greens but is an eye-sore. Hopefully, the weed can be controlled or eliminated soon.

### Course Condition

Over the past several months, the presentation of the course has been first-rate.

Thank you Herbie, Ashley, Henry and the volunteers for your efforts and work on the course.

## Practice Facilities

To improve our golfing prowess, it is important to have reasonable practice facilities and work is being undertaken to improve our Club's practice areas.

The short practice fairway parallel to the 11<sup>th</sup> fairway is being developed to a comparable standard as our course facilities. This includes bringing the green area up to a standard that will allow chipping practice. In addition, we are aiming to create a practice bunker to the right side of this green.

The practice green development has been put on hold until we know what is happening to the clubhouse. This is frustrating but the area may be needed for a temporary office if we must vacate the clubhouse.

### Practice on the Course

The Club has a policy that restricts practice on the course to two balls only.

The policy aims at protecting the course from the damage caused by practicing with several balls.

The Board of Management asks all members to respect this policy.

### Tas Water Works

You may have seen several red and white markings on the 12<sup>th</sup> fairway. These markings are the proposed routes for the water line.

There are two proposed routes – one near the trees along the right side of the 12<sup>th</sup> fairway and the second nearer the middle of the fairway. Both routes run the entire length of the fairway – tee to green.

At this time, no decision has been made about the route or the commencement date of the work.

## Local Rules at the Club

Local Rules are generally introduced to clarify the course markings or to provide relief from local abnormal conditions that are not covered by the Rules of Golf.

The following explains several of our local rules.

### Stones on the Course and in Bunkers

If stones interfere with your golf shot anywhere on the course except for hazards, you can obtain relief. Relief is taken by dropping your ball at the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole.

Stones in bunkers are loose impediments and therefore when a player's ball is in a hazard, a stone lying in or touching the hazard must not be touched or moved.

However, stones in bunkers may be dangerous to players (a player could be injured by a stone struck by a player's club when playing the ball).

To protect player safety, a local rule exists which allows the removal stones near balls in bunkers.

If removing stones, please put them in a bin or other place which is away from playing areas of the course.

### Maintenance Shed

If your ball lies against the maintenance shed (off the right side of the 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway) or if the maintenance shed interferes with your stance or swing, you may take a drop without penalty within one club-length of and not nearer the hole at the nearest point of relief.

However, relief is not an option if the maintenance shed is between your ball and the green. You must play the ball as it lies.

### Tree Roots

If your ball lies against a tree root or if tree roots interfere with your ability to safely play your shot, a player can place their ball within 150mm of the original spot, no nearer the hole. Note: this only applies if the tree roots are on the fairway or within two club lengths of the fairway.

If tree roots interfere with your shot elsewhere on the course, the player must decide to play the ball as it lies or take an unplayable lie.

### Sprinkler Heads Close to Greens – Line of Play Interference

My ball is just off the green and I want to putt the ball but there is a sprinkler head on the line of the putt...what can I do?

Sprinklers are immovable obstructions. Our Club has a local rule that provides relief from sprinkler heads near greens. If your line-of-play is obstructed by a sprinkler head, you may take relief within one club length of the sprinkler head without penalty.

### Measuring Devices

Rule 14-3 does not permit the use of any artificial device or unusual equipment for gauging or measuring distance.

However, our Club has a local rule allowing the use of distance measuring devices i.e. GPS or rangefinder devices.

The device cannot be used to measure any other play related conditions such as measuring or providing advice on: elevation changes or slope, wind speed, club selection, green reading, and effective distance between two points based on elevation changes or other conditions that affect shot distance. If a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure the noted conditions, then the player is in breach of Rule 14-3 and incurs a two-stroke penalty.

More local rules next edition.

### Chaplain's Corner by Peter Ball

I never cease to be amazed at the many parallels between faith, the Bible and Golf. Just as we need to read the greens to putt successfully, so too we need to learn to read the Good Book to understand the contours of our lives. A common theme runs through the Game and the Bible. In golf the more we practice and hone our drives, chips and putts, the more successful we become on the fairways and greens.

With regard to our soul, the more we practice our faith, discern our purpose, do good works, live lives of kindness and service, the closer we come to God. I find that reading the Good Book, helps me to put the latter into practice.

Stay on the fairway,

*Chaplain Peter.*



LYNGH

### Now, on to the golf one-liners and laughs:

Q: Are you a scratch player?

A: I sure am - every time I hit the ball I scratch my head and wonder where it went.

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Q: What's the problem with my golf game?

A: You're standing too close to the ball ... after you've hit it.

\*\*\*\*\*

Golf balls are like eggs. They're white, they are sold by the dozen, and a week later you have to buy more.

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Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course."

Caddie: "Try heaven. You've already moved most of the earth."

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Q: You spend too much time thinking about golf!

Do you even remember the day we got married?

A: Of course I do! It was the same day I sank that 45-foot putt.

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Brand new golf balls are attracted to water, and the power of the attraction is in direct proportion to how much the balls cost.

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Q: I'm ready to go for this par-5 green in two, but there's still a group on the green. What should I do?

A: Well, you have two options: you can go ahead and shank it right now, or wait for the green to clear and then top the ball half way there.

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I once played a golf course that was so difficult I lost two balls in the ball washer!

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The game of golf is 90-percent mental and 10-percent mental.

### NWBGC Café

The Café is an integral part of the Club's services to members. We encourage you to support Kim and the Café.

By request, Kim can also supply birthday cakes, cater social functions and parties and provide take home meals.

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