



NORTH WEST BAY GOLF CLUB

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"Do you mind if we play through...?"

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Remember

*When golf doesn't go quite right
It is just a bad day
Not a bad game.*



construction of a new clubhouse if our Club needs to head down that path.

At a recent meeting with the Kingborough Council's Mayor and General Manager, we held discussions about issues about submitting a Development Application. The discussions were informative.

The Council's General Manager suggested we engaged a Land Planner to advise on appropriate sites for a temporary and possible permanent clubhouse. We are currently seeking a suitably qualified planner to assist with the Development Application.

More information in the next newsletter.

New Hole/Stroke Ratings

Recently Mark Cullen retrieved the hole-by-hole scores for each hole so see how they compared with the current hole ratings.

Mark worked in conjunction with club member, Jeff Rogers, whose experience helped conclude the new ratings.

The findings found that several of our current ratings do not accurately reflect the hole results.

The new stroke index will apply from 1 September 2019.

Repair of Pitch Marks

A very important part of golf etiquette is the care of the golf course. A few moments of courtesy during a round will assist the club significantly in the way of ground staff time and costs and ensure a more pleasant round for all golfers.

The condition of greens can have a major impact on players' scores, so careful attention must be given to the putting surface. The most important aspect is the repair of pitch marks - the longer a mark stays unrepaired, the longer it takes to mend.

A pitch mark should be repaired as follows:

- ✓ Commence at the back of the pitch mark and push forward with a pitch mark fork or tee.
- ✓ Attend to each side of the pitch mark, easing the turf forward to replace the damaged area.
- ✓ When undertaking the repair, turn the pitch mark fork towards the damaged area.
- ✓ Do not lift the pitch mark fork or tee upward bringing soil to the surface.
- ✓ Complete the repair by tapping down with a putter.

Black Shirt Golf

Unfortunately, the weather conspired against our attempts to run the inaugural Black Shirt Competition.

This event will be rescheduled when the weather is more conducive to golf probably in December.

Quiz Night

Don't forget to add the Quiz Night into your diary.

When:

**Wednesday 4 September
at 6:30 pm.
First question at 7 pm**

Where:

The North West Bay Golf Club Clubhouse,
Channel Hwy, Margate

Tables of 6 or 8

Entry fee: \$10.00 per person

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Other Events Coming Soon

14 Sept	Corporate Golf Day
18 Oct	Steak and Shiraz Night
4 Nov	Bon Fire Night
11 Dec	Christmas Function

Put these dates into your calendar to support the building fundraising activities.

In Profile

This month's member in profile is Peter Ball.

Peter took up golf at the young age of 70 as he and his wife, Sue, looked for an activity to do together in their retirement. He has now been a dedicated North West Bay member for 20 years.



At first, Peter did not intend playing competitions but was soon invited into a match and was bitten by the golfing bug. His entry into competitive golf coincided with Sue's invitation from Corm to

meet the ladies. Sue, by the way, is a dedicated worker for the ladies' competitions.

Shortly after becoming a member, Peter was nominated to the job of being the Club's Chaplain, a position he cherishes immensely. He said, "He is always available for the members".

As Chaplain, he has officiated a few funerals of past members, including a former President as well as a Founding member. He has also visited several sick golfers and members who have been hospitalised.

For more than four years Peter volunteered time to work around the club. He describes this work as, "Happy times working with the volunteers".

Sport has been a large part of Peter's life achieving considerable success representing the Navy in swimming, tennis, squash, volleyball, hockey and rugby. In several of those sports, Peter achieved the number 1 position. He was also an A Grade rugby referee for 30 years.

During his golfing days, Peter managed to play his age off the stick 12 times and got down to a handicap of 12 after starting on 27.

His successes include winning the AIF Cup in 2004 at New Norfolk Golf Club, the Max Donovan Trophy and the 2019 AIF Cup at North West Bay. He also achieved the rare distinction of a hole-in-one. The 155-metre shot was in 2008 on our Club's 7th.

When first taking up golf, the game was for a social, mental and physical focus. His mantra these days is, "fun, fellowship and focus".

In 1970, Peter completed two tours of Vietnam, and provided pastoral care for the navy divers and helicopter pilots.

Finally, Peter said, "Above all I have enjoyed my membership at NWB and made many wonderful friendships during that short period."

Pace of Play

Slow play on a golf course can be very frustrating to both your fellow team members and those following.

The following are a few things to help the pace of play:

Position of Bags or Carts: When players are approaching the green, golf bags or carts should be positioned to allow for quick and efficient movement off the green towards the next tee.

Keep an Eye of Your Position on the Course: If there is a considerable gap between your group and the group in front of you, then you should check your pace of play. This is particularly so if the group behind you is on your heels.

Marking Score Cards: Mark score cards on the way to or at the next tee. That said, the player who is first to play from the next tee should play first and then mark the card.

Plan and Play Your Shot Quickly: Plan your shot or line up your putt while others are playing their shot. However, do this without distracting your playing partners.

Playing a Provisional Ball: Ball searches and lost balls are a feature of golf, but they do cause delay. However, the delay can be significantly minimised if the player whose ball might be lost has played a provisional ball.

Watching the Flight of the Ball Carefully: The problem of lost balls can be significantly reduced if all players in a group make a conscious effort to watch each other's shots. This will result in less searching time and fewer lost balls.

'Ready Golf': Playing "ready golf" is permissible in stroke and stableford play and can improve pace of play.

As a guide, the time to complete holes 1 to 5 should be no longer than 1 hour 15 minutes.

While every player is responsible for ensuring a good pace of play, the group's lowest handicapped player is to ensure the pace of play does not slow the field.

Chaplains Corner

Although Golf is a contest of a player against the Course, rivalries between players frequently occur.

Arnold Palmer & Jack Nicklaus is number six on ESPN's "Ten Greatest rivalries in Sports" list.

Although the two men competed fiercely, they also had a high level of respect for one another.

Shortly after Nicklaus joined the PGA tour, Palmer gave him a short game lesson, advising him to putt from the fringe rather than chipping the ball. Though there was this fierce rivalry between the two, they formed a great friendship.

The Bible says: "Do nothing from rivalry or conceit but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."

Payne Stewart holder of two US Opens, known for his Christian witness, said: "But in the end, it

is still a game of golf, and if at the end of the day you can't shake hands with your opponents and still be friends, then you've missed the point."

As my golfing days are drawing to a close, (my 90th year) friendships made at Golf have become much more important to me than making a good score or reducing my handicap.

Of course, the Bible says: "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

The reference to "friend" here is... Jesus, who calls His followers His friends.

Stay on the fairway

Chaplain Peter.

Golf Rules:

This month, there is a quiz on the rules of golf. Ten questions...how well do you think you will go.

What's the Ruling?

1. What does the ban on anchoring permit and prohibit in grips and strokes?
2. My ball landed in a divot hole in the fairway; do I get free relief?
3. What is the 'nearest point of relief' and how do I find it?
4. My ball hit an overhead power line - do I get to replay the shot?
5. My ball is stuck in a tree - what are my options?
6. Should rakes be left inside or outside of bunkers?
7. Ball markers: Do the rules say what should - or shouldn't - be used?
8. What do red, yellow and white stakes or lines mean on a golf course?
9. Do golfers playing as singles have any standing on the course?
10. What does "keeping that point between you and the hole" mean?

The answers will be in next month's newsletter.

Extreme Par 3

The Extreme 19th is the world's longest par 3, measuring 391 yards, and challengers can only access the tee by helicopter.

Sat atop South Africa's Hanglip Mountain, at 400 metres tall it is also the globe's highest hole, meaning it

takes almost 30 seconds for any tee shot to reach the Africa-shaped green below.

1400 feet (426m) high, over 630 yard (576m) long... only \$US200 to play!



Golf Humour

A young man with a few hours to spare one afternoon figures that if he hurries and plays very fast, he can get in nine holes before he has to head home. As he is about to tee off, an old gentleman shuffles onto the tee and asks if he can join him. Although worried this will slow him up, the younger man says, "Of course."

To his surprise, the old man plays quickly. He doesn't hit the ball very far, but it goes straight. Furthermore, the old man moves along without wasting any time.

When they reach the 9th fairway, the young man is facing a tough shot. A large pine tree sits in front of his ball, directly between it and the green.

After several minutes pondering how to hit the shot, the old man says, "You know, when I was your age, I'd hit the ball right over that tree."

With the challenge before him, the young man swings hard, hits the ball, watches it fly into the branches, rattle around, and land with a thud a foot from where it had started.

"Of course," says the old man, "when I was your age, that tree was only three feet tall."

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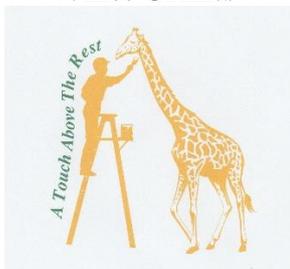


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