



North West Bay Golf Club Newsletter Edition: February 2019



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Up and Coming Events

Saturday 16 February: The Mixed Foursomes Championship

Saturday 23 February: 2 Person Ambrose – Gala Day

Saturday 09 March: Brett Johns Golf Day

Friday 29 March: The Corporate Golf Day.

Business Planning for Our Club

There is an old business adage that goes: *Failing to Plan is Planning to Fail*. And this is true of many businesses that have gone to the graveyard by not applying effective business planning.

Business planning is an essential aspect of all successful organisations regardless of whether they are commercial enterprises or not for profit organisations such as our Club. Over the next couple of months, the Board of Management will be developing objectives and strategies to ensure our Club has a long and prosperous life. Our Club's business plan, in its entirety, will serve as a road map that provides direction for the rest of this year and for the coming few years.

In developing this plan, the Board will determine our Club's goals, the methods on how these goals can be attained, and the period within which these goals need to be achieved. It will also describe the nature of our business, all relevant background information on our Club, our Club's financial projections, and the strategies it intends to implement to achieve the stated targets for our Club.

It is the primary role of the Board to devise and develop the business plan. However, that does not mean that our Club members cannot be party to the business plan. As the business plan develops, information will be provided to the members through the newsletter. Members are welcome to comment on all aspects of the objectives and strategies for achieving the outcomes necessary to grow our Club into the next 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 years.

Stay tuned for more on our Club's business plan.

News from the Ladies by Sue Symons

Some good scores are being recorded at present, possibly due to the run and the very dry conditions of the course. However, this is probably not a good time to break handicaps as pennant time is just around the corner in March.

We have played the monthly trophy for February today with Jill Taylor being the winner with 72 nett.

We have decided to enter two teams into the Greta Lovell Shield to be held at Pittwater shortly. This competition is open to all southern golf clubs and is an aggregate score for each team. Good luck to our teams.

Next week we play the AE Michael Shield over two Tuesdays, the best net score over the two days is the winner.

2018 mixed foursomes' championship is due to be played on Saturday 16 February and has received a good number of entries from the associates, who are hoping to encourage members to join them. This competition was not held last year, so it is great to see it being reintroduced by our present member's captain, John. Later in 2019, this year's championship is rostered to be also played.

We had a most successful evening to welcome 2019 with a barbeque recently. Lots of laughs, great music by our own in-house musician Deb Ford and her friends, together with plenty of food, wine and great company. Everyone is looking forward to another such event before daylight saving ends. Thanks to all who contributed to making this a great night, especially our BBQ chefs Ian Palfreyman and Keith Symons.

We welcome two new associates to the Club, Sue Hall and Ruth Dobbin who I am sure will enjoy this great club. We also welcome back Keren Batchelor who is having some nice scores already, despite her long break from golf.

It is nice to see Sheila, Rita and Noelene coming along to the club on our golf days to enjoy a game of Quiddler.

Sue Symons

Captain

Competitions and Events

Men's Monthly Medal Results: February

Congratulations to

Chris Grove (Saturday)

Peter Ribbon (Wednesday)

on your monthly medal win.

2 Person Ambrose – Gala Day

On Saturday 23 February, our Club is conducting a 2 person Ambrose – gala day to raise funds for projects around our Club such as course improvements and the purchase of equipment in support of Club activities.

The gala day is an invitation event and all members are encouraged to invite a guest for this fun day.

Brett Johns Golf Day

Brett Johns is a well renowned golfer who won the 1987 Australian Amateur Championship, and won six Tasmanian Amateur Championship. Brett was bestowed with Life Membership at our Club. Let's get together in the clubhouse after golf and celebrate Brett's magnificent achievements on Saturday 9 March.

Corporate Golf Day

Events such as the Corporate are essential to help maintain membership fees at an affordable level.

To ensure the success of this event, the Board is asking members to invite golfers to participate in this fun golfing day. Players do not need to be members of our Club.

Also, we are asking members to help by volunteering their time to assist with the organisation of the corporate day, cooking the BBQs, donating prizes for the day or approaching businesses to support the event.

Please contact Tony, the Club Manager, or a Board member if you can help.

Around the Club



Our Golf Online Booking System

Our Club's Online Booking System was approved by the previous Board, and unfortunately, it is taking some time to get it up and running due to the busy workload of the developer Pricap.

Martin Jarman, Tony Lorkins and Mark Cullen met with the Pricap rep last week, and the development of the online system is beginning to move.

One of the first things that is required is everyone's current email address. This needs to be entered on the Slice Software system so that Usernames and Passwords can be sent out. Also, you will also receive an email confirming your booking.

It is envisaged that the booking system will be up and running in a month or so.

What does that mean for you?

- There will be no time sheet at the club for Saturday's competitions
- Bookings will be done online
- It can be done at your leisure

- For those who do not have a computer, there is a laptop computer in place at the clubhouse to make bookings
- One person can enter themselves and three others
- It can be done up until midnight before the competition
- While it may not be used by the Associates and Wednesday Competition, it will show free time for visitors to book and play after competition hours.

There are also many other benefits for the club moving forward.

For sure there will be some out there asking why the change?

For sure some will say its 'all too hard', but we ask you preserve.

Well, we are now one of the last golf clubs not to have an online booking system.

If you have any concerns or queries about it just ask one of our own Southern Veterans Golfers, who have been using this system for a few months now.

In the early days of the online booking system, Tony can assist with any issues. However, once the system is fully operational, we ask members not to contact Tony to enter your bookings.

Improving Our Club's Marketing Image

The Board of Management is currently exploring ways to improve the marketability of our Club. This will include enhancing our Club's website, letterheads, logo, shirts and all over items bearing our Club's name.

As developments occur, members will be advised of the new image.

Club House Development

We have been informed that the current owner of the clubhouse and surrounds is in discussions with a developer. Unfortunately, there is no further information at this time.

The Board will let members know of any developments as information becomes available.

Around the Course

Course Work

There is no doubt that our Club's volunteers do an excellent job. On occasions, some go above and beyond.

Our thanks to Brett Rolf and Mark Cullen for their work correcting the sprinklers on the 12th fairway ensuring the newly laid grass seed gets adequate water.

What makes this different?

They were labouring in the hot sun on a Sunday.

Their efforts are much appreciated.

TasWater Works

Ya Hoo...The TasWater works have finished.

Now the work is completed, the 12th will continue to be played as a par 3 until the new grass is established. This could be up to three months.

One change though, the location of the 12th Par 3 will move from the 15th fairway to the 12th fairway. This will ensure player safety as well as stop any delays for those playing the 15th.

We ask for your patience during the regeneration period.

Golf Rules Explained

New Golf Rules Explained: Bunker Changes

There are two key changes to note when it comes to bunkers...

Touching or moving loose impediments or sand in a bunker

Previously

In a bunker, you must not touch the sand with either hand or club, or touch or move any loose impediments in the hazard.

From 2019



An acceptable sight from 2019

You are now able to touch or move loose impediments in a bunker and generally touch the sand with hand or club.

However, you still must not deliberately touch the sand to test its condition.

Prohibitions for practice swings and grounding the club at address or on the backswing will remain.

The challenge of bunkers is meant to be playing from sand and not having to also deal with pine cones, twigs etc.

The remaining restrictions will ensure nothing is done to reduce that test.

Unplayable ball in bunker

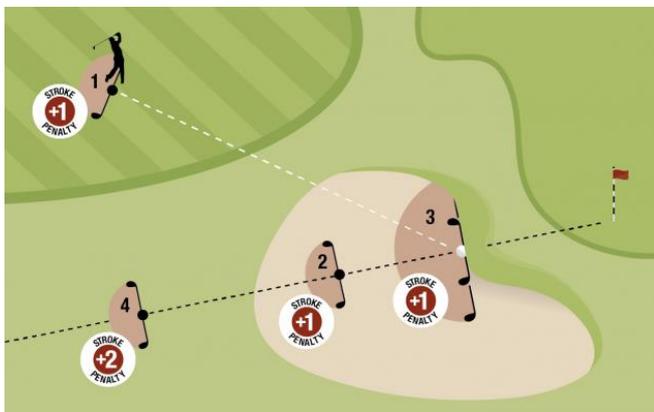
Previously

You may only drop outside the bunker when proceeding under the stroke and distance option (1 on diagram) of the unplayable ball Rule.

If dropping back on line (2), or within two club-lengths (3), you must drop within the bunker.

From 2019

An additional option allows you to drop back on line outside the bunker, but under penalty of two strokes (4).



Graphic: R&A

Steep-faced bunkers can present a real challenge, and this additional option will help those faced with shots they struggle to play to keep a round going.

Previously, if you play a bunker shot and leave it in there, there is then no option at all to drop outside.

This new Rule ensures you always have the choice to drop outside the bunker, but it will cost you an extra penalty stroke.

Chaplains Corner

Paul Azinger, prominent American Golfer of recent years, and winner of the US PGA, was quoted in the Australian Golf Digest: "I can honestly say that, after cancer was found, I never said, "Why me?" You can do that, sitting around feeling sorry for yourself and say, "Why me?" or you can run to God and cling to Him fore comfort and security and hope.

That's what I did. I just feel like God has a plan or me. I feel like He's in control of my life.

I feel as secure and content and happy right now as I ever have in my life". Australian Golf Digest.

God has certainly been my anchor throughout my life, now a few months from my 89th year.

Have cancer which has been steadily growing, but not only do I know that God is my strength and shield, but death holds absolutely no fears for me. I still cling to the great Golden text of the Bible...John 3:16 "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whosoever believes on Him will not perish but have everlasting life". I am one of the whosoever. Who could pass up an invitation like that?

Stay on the fairway,

Chaplain Peter.

A Little Golf Humour



Golf Rules We Would Like to See

A ball sliced or hooked into the rough shall be lifted and placed in the fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled in the rough. Such veering right or left frequently results from friction between the face of the club and the cover of the ball, and the player should not be penalized for erratic behaviour of the ball resulting from such uncontrollable mechanical phenomena.

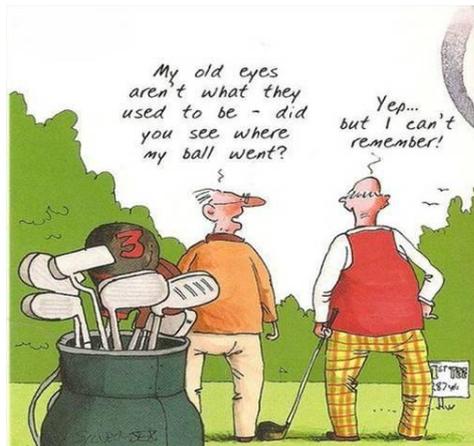
A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed not to have hit the tree. Hitting a tree is simply bad luck and has no place in the scientific game. The player should estimate the distance the ball would have travelled if it had not hit the tree and play the ball from there, preferably from a nice tuft of grass.

There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course somewhere and eventually will be found and pocketed by someone else. It thus becomes a stolen ball, and the player should not compound the felony by charging himself with a penalty stroke.

If a putt passes over the hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The law of gravity holds that any object attempting to maintain a position in the atmosphere without something to support it must drop. The law of gravity supersedes the law of golf.

Same thing for a ball that stops on the brink of the hole and hangs there defying gravity. You cannot defy the law. Same thing goes for a ball that rims the cup. A ball should not go sideways. This violates the law of physics.

A putt that stops close enough to inspire such comments as "You can blow it in" may be blown in. This rule does not apply if the ball is more than three inches from the hole, because no one wants to make a travesty of the game.



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