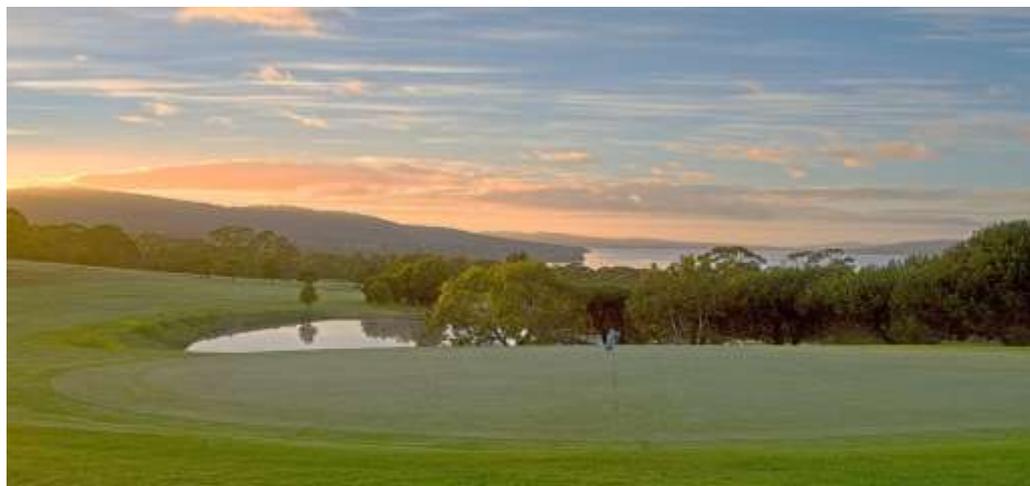




1395 Channel Highway
 Margate Tasmania 7054
 ☎ (03) 6267 2166



North West Bay Golf Club Newsletter

Edition: January 2019

Table of Contents

A Word from the Club President.....	2
Previous Newsletter Omission	2
Short Term Special Circumstances Membership.....	3
News from the Ladies by Sue Symons	3
Men’s Monthly Medal Results: January	4
Around the Club and Course	4
Corporate Golf Day	4
Mixed Foursome Championship ...	4
2 Person Ambrose – Gala Day	4
Volunteers.....	4
Course Improvement	5
Review of Local Rules	5
Club House Development.....	5
TasWater Works	6
Beware of Joe Blakes...Snakes	6
A Club Member Recognised	6
Pace of Play and Golf Etiquette	6
Pace of Play	6
Golf Etiquette	8
Course Care.....	8
Greens Care - Including the Repair of Pitch Mark.....	8
Repairing Divots	8
Smoothing Bunkers.....	8
Golf Carts.....	8
Chaplains Corner.....	8
A Little Golf Humour.....	8
Our Valued Sponsors and Members with Businesses	9

Happy New Year

May the new year bring excellent health, great weather and fewer distractions from playing golf.

A Word from the Club President

The Club is indebted to Neil Sorensen for taking on the task of assembling a monthly newsletter and any ideas for articles or written contributions from members forwarded to Neil can only enhance the excellent publication he provides.

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, our longstanding Secretary Manager John Harris retired late last year but fortunately for us he has accepted the role of Club Captain, and with his experience as a golfer with an enviable reputation and knowledge of competition rules and management his appointment can only benefit our organisation. John gave the Club good service as our sole administrator for more than 20 years and for that we are most grateful. In the near future there will be a function held at the clubhouse to thank John for his service. Members and associates will be invited to attend.

As no doubt members and associates are aware, the Club is currently undergoing change in a number of areas. This is largely due to decisions made by the Board of Management formed late last year at the Annual General Meeting and Tony Lorkin who was recently appointed as Club Manager. Tony comes to us with a wealth of experience in company management and marketing. The Board has determined that an important part of Tony's role will be to promote the Club's brand and increase our levels of sponsorship.

As with any situation involving a new appointee to a key position it takes the person involved some time to understand the way an organisation functions and the systems adopted to facilitate the management of that organisation. Once that happens that person can then introduce changes that help them and the organisation to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible. Tony is already making a difference in how our Club presents to visitors and in the near future our services to social players will be enhanced through the introduction of better buggies and golf clubs for hire. If you have not already met Tony please make yourself known to him and as he enjoys a game of golf perhaps you can join him on our course for some friendly competition.

As mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter Taswater is yet to complete its construction work on the golf course. It is anticipated that within the next week the reinstatement of the 12th fairway will commence; however, the seeding will take some time to germinate and consolidate. In order for this to occur and so we can obtain the best result we will not be playing the 12th hole in its entirety until the surface is considered fit for play. Our Greens Committee is currently examining the feasibility of moving the temporary tee above the 12th green down to the 12th fairway where a more level lie can be obtained. This can only occur after works have been completed and the hole will still play as a par3. The Club has yet to receive an offer of compensation from Taswater for the easement in which the pipelines have been laid but it is anticipated that this will occur in the near future.

Unfortunately, last year the Club did not hold its annual Corporate Day. This event has always been a significant fundraiser for us and this year the Board has determined that it must go ahead. The programmed date for this event is 29 March 2019. Any assistance members can give us by way of introduction to potential sponsors and or donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

The good news is that our Club continues to grow! This is no doubt due mainly to the special introductory membership rates we can offer to potential members. So far, our retention rates for members who have availed themselves of the reduced membership fees are excellent. This is reflected in the increased numbers of members playing in club competitions. We are still a long way off the numbers we had playing in the halcyon days of the eighties, but our Club is now in a much stronger position than it was a few years ago.

M. Jarman

President

Previous Newsletter Omission

Oops...In my haste to get the previous newsletter out, I inadvertently omitted to include the following:

After almost 30 years working at our Club, John Harris has decided to retire to a more relaxed life. Our thanks to John for his dedicated service.

And welcome to Tony Lorkin, who has taken over the role of Club Manager.

Short Term Special Circumstances Membership

A short term membership is now available.

This membership is designed for people who may be in transition due to moving house, moving jobs or workplaces, moving states or some other special circumstances.

Application for this type of membership must be made through a Board Member of our Club or the Club Manager. Upon application, the short term membership required time will be discussed to ascertain a start date and completion date.

The fee for the SHORT TERM SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES MEMBERSHIP will be \$110 per month for male members and \$90 per month for female members.

Both short term memberships will give the member full membership rights, other than voting rights should it be required to hold a membership ballot.

The Club Manager has the right to refuse any application on the grounds of the request not fitting the spirit of short term membership opportunity.

Golfink handicapping requirements can be arranged for the period of the short term membership and revoked at its completion.

News from the Ladies by Sue Symons

Happy New Year to all golfers. Did anyone notice the saying at the club this week.... Well, how true.... New year's resolution, we may want to lose weight, but then again we don't like losing..... Well done ??Tony. Keep them coming, it brightens our day....



Today we played the first round of the Silver Spoon competition which ultimately ends in a Southern play-off of the country and metropolitan finalists. Our winner today was Corm with a very nice score of 73 on a countback from Heather Dwyer. Well done both ladies who go into the playoff for our club final later in the year. There were some very good scores out there today with at least 9,18 hole ladies within 2 shots of the winning score. A good sign with pennant approaching. 12 hole results: Elaine Murray had 43 and Chris Goodwin 49. It is great to see so many ladies returning after the Christmas/New Year break, to one of our largest fields for some months.

We now look forward to a Welcome 2019 barbeque for Associates on Friday 18 January at 6 for 6.30 pm. It is sure to be a night of hilarity with some acts and lots of jokes....

The Associates have **purchased a dishwasher.** We know that this will be very helpful especially when Cherie has many mouths to feed. **Thanks to Brett Rolf for plumbing it into the kitchen.** We have also **purchased a new urn** to replace the old model which leaked water badly onto the floor, causing the boards to rot underneath.

The winner of our beautifully framed photo by Neil Sorensen was Ian Morriss, who was delighted with his prize when presented to him at Dad's Army drinks evening hosted by the Associates. Well done Ian and thanks to those **few** members who supported the Associates in their endeavour to raise funds to help the Club's finances.

Remember these raffles are raised for the benefit of the **WHOLE CLUB, SO SUPPORT BY ALL MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES IS APPRECIATED.** So when you see the work that Brett and Herbie are doing with the drainage on the 12th hole today, remember these funds could be used to assist this work..... It is never-ending.....

North West Bay GC Hat clips are available for purchase at the bar for \$5, another fundraiser by the Associates.

Kingborough Chronicle has a new editor who is very happy to include our club's results each week and also Club press releases and items of interest to the community. Our contact there is Tanya Rollins, daughter of ex Golf Tasmania CEO, Tony Rollins who many will remember during his time at Golf Tasmania and Elderslie club. Tanya's email is editorial@kchronicle.com.au.

Good golfing in 2019 to everyone,

Men's Monthly Medal Results: January

Congratulations to

Nick Genaris 81.14.67 (Saturday)

Franz Kohl 42 pts (Wednesday)

on their monthly medal win.

Around the Club and Course

Corporate Golf Day

Our Club's major fundraiser, the Corporate Golf Day, is scheduled for Friday 29 March. 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.

Mixed Foursome Championship

Mixed Foursome is one of the few times in the year that the men and the ladies can get together to show off their golfing prowess.

So, gentlemen talk to the ladies and team up for this Honour Board event.

This year, the mixed foursomes is planned for Saturday 16 February and the Board encourages all members to compete in this event.

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.

Volunteers



There are very few clubs – golf or other - in Tasmania that can survive without the aid of volunteers. North West Bay Golf Club is no exception.

The Board of Management has implemented decision to keep club membership fees at an affordable level for all members. If you compare our Club's membership fees with other 18-hole courses in Tasmania, you will see that our Club has one of the lowest membership fees.

However, the decision to maintain a fair and equitable membership fee places considerable pressures on our Club's ability to meet the rising costs of electricity, water, rates, insurance, fertilisers, pesticides, herbicides, wages, etc.

Generally, membership fees are intended to cover the day-to-day operational costs, and the revenue from green fees and other sources would provide the financial resources for new works. Because of the low membership fees, the combination of both the members' contributions and green fees are required to cover the operations of our Club.

The Board has received many suggestions and comments about improving or correcting problems around our Club. However, the Board must ensure the financial viability of our Club. As such, there must be a practical and responsible approach to funding new works. The Board will not jeopardise the viability of our Club by undertaking new tasks when the funds are not at hand.

Many past projects have been possible because of the generosity of a few members who have graciously and, often by their request, without recognition, provided the funds for project materials. Even with these funds, the tireless efforts of a few volunteers ensured the completion of the works.

So, what can be done?

The simple solution for labour resources is more volunteers to work on the course. There are two options for volunteers:

- helping during the week
- assisting working bees that focus on improving our course.

Funding projects is a little more problematic. The Board is continuously searching for new finances but finding additional funds is limited. You can help by:

- Helping to introduce new sponsors to our Club
- Supporting fundraising activities such as raffles, gala days and corporate days and
- Providing ideas for new fundraising activities.

In conclusion, volunteers are vital to the development of our Club. Without them, it is very difficult to implement new course improvement work. If you can help, please contact the Club Manager.

The Board extends a grateful and heartfelt thanks to Alan Batchelor, Brett Rolf, Max Glock, Les Barratt, Dave Muir, Pete Morgan, Tom Holmes, Mark Cullen and Martin Jarman.

Course Improvement

Our thanks to Brett Rolf for his work to improve the area around seats, sand buckets and rubbish bins.



The enhanced area improves the visual appearance of our course and will help reduce the work to keep the area clear of ratty grass.

Thanks Brett.

Review of Local Rules

The Match Committee over the next month will be reviewing all our local rules. The review aims to ensure the existing local rules conform to the requirements of our Club and the R&A Rules.

Members will be advised of any changes on completion of the review.

Please note: The Out of Bounds change as outlined in the R&A's 2019 Rules has not been implemented at our Club as yet. Currently, the rule and penalty for out of bounds is as follows:

The penalty for Out of Bounds, commonly called "stroke and distance" is one-stroke penalty added to the score, and the ball must then be dropped as near as possible to the spot from which the original shot was played. If the out of bounds occurred off the tee, the ball can be re-tee'd and played accordingly.

Club House Development

It would be great to say that there was movement at the station. Regrettably, this is not so.

While it appears that there is some interest by an unnamed party, nothing has come to fruition as to the future of the clubhouse.

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

TasWater Works

As you would have seen, TasWater is advancing their work on our 12th fairway, and this work should be concluded with two or three weeks.

Once 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.

We ask for your patience during the regeneration period.

Beware of Joe Blakes...Snakes



Yes, they are out and about. Please beware.

Photograph courtesy of the ladies.

A Club Member Recognised

Our Club congratulates to Richard (Dick) Goodwin who was recognised for his outstanding community service by being awarded Kingborough's Citizen of the Year.

Dick has been a strong supporter of our Club and has over the years provided many of the trees and shrubs that grace our course.

Pace of Play and Golf Etiquette

Pace of Play

Slow play is a great frustration of all golfers.

The cause of slow play comes down to individual golfers and how they play the game. Examples of the reasons for slow play include:

- some golfers take too many practice swings before hitting their shot
- taking too long looking for a lost ball
- the age of players. Regrettably, a fact of life is that most of us are not as spritely at 60 as we were at 20.
- the golfer's skill level. It is logical that the better you play golf, the quicker you can play. Less time is required to:
 - play your round as fewer shots are needed;
 - search for balls;
- the course is too challenging, i.e. rough too long, too many hazards.

Note: age nor playing ability should restrict people from playing golf as golf is a game for life and as a community sporting facility our Club must open its doors to all golfers.

How can I improve the pace of play?

Ultimately the responsibility for speeding up play lies with each golfer. This is achieved by simple courtesy including:

- **keeping an eye on the time to complete a hole.** On average, a group of four players should not take more than 15 minutes to start and end a golf hole to complete a round of golf in four and a half hours. Obviously, par 3s and par 5s will take a little less or more time respectively given their length. This average also does not factor in time to search for a ball or other factors that may delay play.
- **inviting faster groups to play through.** This may slow your group's game, but it allows following groups to play at their own pace. Also, it is likely that the "inviting" group will enjoy its game more without being pressurised continuously by the group behind. Keep an eye on the groups in front and behind you. If the group in front is getting away from you, you may need to speed your play up especially if there is a group waiting to play their shots behind you;

- ***playing ready golf.*** It is a nice feeling to have the honour on the tee. However, if other players are ready to hit they should do so. Being prepared also entails selecting your club and planning your shot while your playing partners are hitting theirs;



- ***managing preshot routines.*** Five or six practice swings every time before hitting your shot significantly increase the time to complete a round of golf. To avoid time delays, have an effective routine that minimises time to the least amount.

In the preamble to [Rule 5](#) (Playing the Round), it is stated:

"When it is a player's turn to play, it is recommended that he or she make the stroke in no more than 40 seconds, and usually more quickly than that."

Note: the time recommended includes all the time from the moment it is your turn to play, your setup routine before setting up to play your shot, to the completion of the shot.

- ***don't hit practice shots on the course,*** such as replaying a bunker shot that was poorly executed;
- ***limiting the time spent looking for lost balls*** or have other members of the group hit while you are looking. Remember, under the new golf rules, searching for a lost ball is limited to three minutes;
- ***positioning your golf bags or carts for quick and efficient movement off the green*** towards the next tee, i.e. bags and carts should be left between the green and the tee you play next.

- ***marking your scorecards on the next tee, not on the green.*** While it is strongly recommended that players remain at the green to watch the other players in their group hole out, the marking of scorecards should not be done at the green if this may delay play of the group behind. Mark scorecards 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



- ***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 and their own shots as carefully and as often as possible. This will result in less searching time, and fewer lost balls;
- ***playing a provisional ball.*** Lost balls and subsequent searches regrettably do cause delays in play. While there is the expectation of finding the ball, hitting a provisional ball will save the time of returning to the tee or the area where the missing ball was the last hit.

As an example of how much time can be taken from a round of golf, if each player of a foursome takes five seconds less to play their shots, the time saved can be around 25 minutes.

Golf Etiquette

Course Care

An essential part of golf etiquette is the care of the golf course, and this should be the responsibility of every golfer. 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.

Greens Care - Including the Repair of Pitch Mark

The condition of greens can have a significant 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.

Repairing Divots

Some clubs will require divots to be repaired differently. At our Club, divots should be repaired as follows:

- replace the divot, if possible;
- use the sand to top-dress the repaired divot or if the divot cannot be replaced, fill the divot hole with sand;
- use a foot or a club to level the sand so that a reasonably flat lie remains for following players.

A careless repair may provide an unfair lie for other players and may also damage course equipment and will result in the divot taking longer to repair.

Note: Our Club requires all players to carry a sand bucket whether playing in competitions or playing casually.

Smoothing Bunkers

It is important to leave bunkers in good condition for following players. Bunkers should be smoothed in the following manner:

- enter and leave the bunker from the lowest point;
- after playing, smooth the area and any footprints using the rake provided;
- after use, return the rake to its storage slot or if there isn't a storage slot, in the bunker in the direction of play.

- do not place the rake against the inside edge of the bunker as this may cause difficult lies for others and potentially awkward rules situations.

Golf Carts

Golf carts can damage the course if not used carefully:

- keep away from green surrounds and teeing grounds. Golf carts must not be closer than eight metres from the green;
- do not drive through damaged or wet areas;
- drive where directions are indicating the route to travel.

Chaplains Corner

Training aids for golf abound. Alignment sticks, plastic balls, driving nets, and many others to help follow the right swing or get that extra bit of distance.

The Bible, the Word of God, is like a training aid for the course of life. The Word of God is "living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword.... and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

In fact, it is a great training aid for life. I found this out some 63 years ago when at the age of 25. I still dip into this training aid at the beginning of every day, and it helps me see the day through.

Stay on the fairway,

Chaplain Peter.

A Little Golf Humour

Golf - Below Par?

After a particularly bad round of golf, Robert decided not to go to the nineteenth hole and started to go straight home.

As he was walking to the car park to get his Range Rover, a policeman stopped him and asked, 'Did you tee off on the seventeenth hole about twenty minutes ago?'

'Yes', Robert answered

'Did you happen to slice your ball so that it went over the trees and out of bounds and completely off the golf course?'

'Yes, I did. How did you know?' Robert questioned.

‘Well’, said the policeman gravely, ‘Your golf ball flew out onto the main road and crashed through the windscreen of a BMW. The car driver lost control and crashed into six other cars and a fire engine. The fire engine was unable to reach the fire in time and the building burned down. Now, what do you intend to do about it?’

Robert thought it over very carefully and responded, ‘I think I’ll close my stance a little bit, tighten my grip and lower my right thumb’.



New Golf Rules for Seniors

The Veterans Golf Association has negotiated with The Royal and Ancient Golf Club, based in St Andrews, Scotland to modify the Rules of Golf for Seniors

Rule 1.a.5

A ball sliced or hooked into the rough shall be lifted and placed on the fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the rough with no penalty. The senior should not be penalized for tall grass which groundskeepers failed to mow.

Rule 2.d.6 (b)

A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed not to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The senior player must estimate the distance the ball would have travelled if it had not hit the tree and play the ball from there.

Rule 3.b.3(g)

There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, making it a stolen ball. The player is not to compound the felony by charging himself or herself with a penalty.

Rule 4.c.7(h)

If a putt passes over a hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The law of gravity supersedes the Rules of Golf.

Rule 5.

Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the hole. No one wants to make a travesty of the game.

Rule 6.a.9(k)

There is no penalty for so-called "out of bounds." If penny-pinching golf course owners bought sufficient land, this would not occur. The senior golfer deserves an apology, not a penalty.

Rule 7.g.15(z)

There is no penalty for a ball in a water hazard, as golf balls should float. Senior golfers should not be penalized for manufacturers' shortcomings.

Rule 8.k.9(s)

Advertisements claim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new golf equipment. Since this is financially impracticable for many senior golfers, one-half stroke per hole may be subtracted for using old equipment.

Please advise all your senior friends of these important rule changes.

Remember...this is the golf humour section.

Our Valued Sponsors and Members with Businesses

Where you can, please support the companies that support our club.



Salamanca Square, Hobart

Ph 1300 660 491

www.tassal.com.au



Shop 34, 37-43 Channel Hwy, Kingston

(03) 6211 8760



26 Channel Highway, Kingston
 (03) 62291422
 admin@halefinancial.com.au
www.halefinancial.com.au



Strapping marking packaging specialists
 33 Pearl Street, Derwent Park
 1800 096 267
www.strapmark.com.au

Jamie Clark



5 Ascot Drive, Huntingfield
 (03) 6229 7514

Brett Rolf



For all your plumbing requirements.
 Brett & Maree Rolf
 BandMPlumbingTas@gmail.com
 Ph. 0418 396 426
 Brett has provided several services to our Club at no cost.
 Thank you, Brett.

Brett Cleary



131 Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay
 Ph (03) 62231200 or FAX (03) 62235160
www.bayhire.com.au

Brett has supported the Club by providing equipment and equipment operators to our Club at 'mates rates'. Thank you, Brett.



11 Swallow Parade, Glenorchy
 (03) 62711000
www.cripps.com.au

Vince Grimes



THE FINISHING TOUGH
 Painters & Decorators
 Ph. 0407 402 697
 For all internal and external painting and interior design.



Mertonvale Circuit
Kingston TAS 7050

[Tel: 03 6229 9910](tel:0362299910)

[Fax: 03 6229 9976](tel:0362299976)

[Mobile: 0418 581 909](tel:0418581909)

sthroof@bigpond.net.au



Blackmans Bay Motors
9 Opal Drive, Blackmans Bay
(03) 62291434

www.bbmotors.com.au



17A Main Road, Moonah

(03) 6228 0505

hobart@packsend.com.au

<http://www.packsend.com.au/couriers-tasmania/>

Adam Carr



59 Albert St, Moonah

(03) 6927 0000

tascon@tascon.net.au

www.tascon.net.au



1718 Channel Highway, Margate

(03) 62672830

www.betterperformance.com.au

Adam Sutton



A.F & M.E.G Sutton Roofing Pty. Ltd.

Huntingfield, 7055

Ph. 0407 683 166

Specialising in all roofing repairs as well as flashings, fascia, downpipes, roofing, wall cladding; fencing, gutter protection systems, maintenance reports, stormwater insulation systems and guttering cleaning.



Shop 49B Channel Court, Kingston

(03) 62297999

Also, at Bellerive, Huonville, Rosny, Glenorchy, Moonah, North Hobart & Rokeby

The North-West Bay Golf Club Board of Management thanks our sponsors. Without them, maintaining our Club would be a bigger challenge.