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News from the Ladies by Sue Symons

The winner of the AE Michael Shield 2019 was Keren Batchelor 133, Colleen Thompson runner-up 144.

The decision to enter two teams into the Greta Lovell Shield recently, competing against most other southern clubs, was a great one.

One team won the shield and the other team finished in the top 5 teams, so a good effort by all players.

Let's hope that this continues with pennant beginning shortly where we have entered division 2 in an endeavour to try to restrict the number of strokes needing to be given to other teams.

Winner of the 3rd round of the Silver Spoon was Keren Batchelor and runner up was Heather Dwyer. There is one more round before the club representative is chosen.

The associates very happily took part in the mixed foursomes championships recently. The atmosphere on the day was one of great fun. Thanks to those members who put their names down to play. We are hoping to get a few more willing members and associates later in the year for a repeat performance. Well done to everyone for participating.

This year's **footy pools** are about to begin. We have quite a few names at this stage and if **any members or other associates would like to join in please feel free to put your name on our notice board.**

Cost is \$50, payable to Olga Kraus.

We welcome Robyn Scallon who has joined us from Llanherne. Robyn has already had an induction into the Quiddler game, so she will fit in very well at our club.

Today the Autumn Tournament was played with a field of 37 players including 8 visitors. This is a very pleasing number of people enjoying their golf. Thanks to the committee for organizing the wonderful raffle and also to Carol Mackey for the fantastic floral displays in the clubhouse.

The gross winner was Sue Richardson from Richmond with a nice score of 85, runner-up Robin Smithies 92, net club winner was Keren Batchelor 68, and visitor was Helen Fox from Orford with 68.

12-hole winners were Elaine Murray and Donna White. Well done to all players, thanks for your support.

Good golfing,
Sue Symons



Pictured: Sue Richardson (Richmond), Helen Fox (Orford), Keren Batchelor, Elaine Murray, Donna White and Gaye Morriss.

Mens Monthly Medal Results: March

Congratulations to

Klaus van Dreizman 88.19.69 (Saturday)

Glenn Kline 46 pts (Wednesday)

on your monthly medal win.

Brett Johns Golf Day

On Saturday 9th March our club held the inaugural Brett Johns golf day which attracted a field of approximately 90 players. The day was organised in the first instance to honour Brett's outstanding golfing achievements.

Brett won the 1987 Australian Amateur Championship as well as several Tasmanian Amateur Championships. Currently, Brett is currently the Club Professional at Kingston Beach and is happy to assist North West Bay members with equipment and lessons.

Brett is a life member of our club.

The results on the day were:

A Grade

1st Jack Dare

R/U Nick Johns

B Grade

1st Neil Sorensen

R/U George Kalis

C Grade

1st Ray Brown

R/U Damien Carrick

Congratulations to all who contested this event.

Pennant Results

This year NWBGC has two pennant teams playing in Division 2 and Division 7.

The results are:

Division 2 played 2 for 1 win; 1 loss

Division 7 played 3 for 2 wins; 1 draw, which places them in equal 1st position.

Around the Club and Course

New Members

The North West Bay Golf Club welcomes our new members.

Introductory member - Tony Barton

Introductory member - Matthew Street

Introductory member – Samuel Hauser

Introductory member – Frederick Hartog

Introductory member – Henk Van Beelen

If you have the opportunity of meeting or playing with any of our newest members, please make them feel welcome.

Changes to Super Pin and Nearest the Pin Prizes

Board members were recently informed that not all members were aware of changes to the nearest the pin and super pin prizes. The following commentary reflects the essence of a notice that was displayed in the club house about two months prior to the introduction of the changes.

“As you know costs are continuing to rise and we are no exception when it comes to the impact of rising costs.

In order to keep our costs down and competition fees at their current level, the Board has agreed to the following minor changes to the Super Pin and Birdie competitions.

Beginning **1st January 2019**, the following changes will be implemented:

- The Super Pin winner will **not** receive 2 balls for nearest the pin on the nominated hole.
- The Super Pin on Wednesday will be limited to an amount not exceeding \$15. If the field is less than 30 then the value will be based on 50% of the field. i.e. If there are 22 competitors in the field the Super Pin will be worth \$11.
- The Super Pin on Saturday will be limited to an amount **not** exceeding \$25. If the field is less than 50 the value will be based on 50% of the field. i.e.

If there are 42 competitors in the field the Super Pin will be worth \$21.

- On other par 3s birdies will be rewarded with 2 balls as will nearest to the pin on those holes however, these awards do not apply to the temporary par 3 established on the 12th fairway..

The Board is endeavouring to do everything possible to make golf affordable for all members. For example: A golf club not far from ours charges \$18 for a Saturday competition and \$15 for a Wednesday competition and awards less in prizes than our club. .

Payment of Membership Fees

We are now six months into the current financial year and regrettably there are still several members playing regularly on the course who have yet to pay their membership fees and other who have only part paid.

This is disappointing.

Maintaining a golf course is an expensive task and unfortunately the bills associated with managing the club and course must be paid.

The Board has worked hard to keep membership fees as low as possible. If members do not pay their fees in a timely manner the club's budget for providing services to members and maintaining the course in a condition expected by members and visitors cannot be met. It should be noted that our membership fees compared with other 18-hole golf courses in the region are \$500 per annum less.

Our Club has two payment options.

- The first is a direct payment of the total relevant membership fee to the Club. Full payment can be made through Slice or directly to the club.
- The second is a monthly payment through Slice.

To reduce administrative costs and to provide more certainty in relation to budget planning and cash flow management, the Board has determined that the above fee payment methods will be adhered to from the date of this newsletter. If a member finds, due to extenuating circumstances, that they have difficulty in paying their membership fee they are requested to advise the Club Manager who will refer the matter to the Board's Membership Committee for a decision. All such matters will remain confidential.

Corporate Golf Day

Our Club's major fundraiser, the Corporate Golf Day, is scheduled for Friday 29 March. The funds raised on this day are essential in helping to maintain membership fees at an affordable level.

So far, we have 18 entries. However, we would like to have 20 to 25 teams taking part on the day.

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 our Club Manager, or a Board member if you feel you can help.

Mixed Foursome Champions

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

This year, the Mixed Foursomes was played on Saturday 16 February and the winners were:

Trent Riseley and Annie Kruimink

Course Improvement

Ball Washers

It is with great appreciation that we thank an anonymous benefactor who has, yet again, provided the funds for five additional ball washers to be installed around the course.

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, we have yet to be advised that a sale has occurred.

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

TasWater Works

As you would have seen, Taswater has finished the installation of their pipelines on the 12th fairway. The fairway has been graded, profiled and seeded.

Unfortunately, the grass seed has not germinated to any extent and plans are afoot to reseed the area.

We understand that members want to once again play the 12th as a par 4, however until the grass is fully established the 12th will remain as a par 3.

We ask for your patience during the regeneration period.

Chaplains Corner

“Golf is not just one hole or one game, just as our life is not what happens today or this year. Neither is one stop along the way; both are an entire journey. All of us will be faced with trials of one sort or another. Sometimes we avoid life’s traps and hazards, sometimes we stumble and fall. All that God asks of us is that we do the best we can each and every time.

Either way, it is enough. With setback comes learning, and experience to prevail the next time.

Hope:

Sport and spirit provide a never-ending supply of this most valuable virtue. In a world plagued by threats of war, greed, death, and disease, the Bible shows us how to conduct our lives and where comfort may be found. With every new round, golf affords us all a clean scorecard and renewed confidence with which to set forth for greener pastures. If we falter, should we fail, we are given another chance with our next shot, next hole, next game. Should we sin against the Father, He too grants us as many “strokes” as we might need to reach the ultimate green that is His Kingdom. When we sin, we die to God; when we’re forgiven, when we do good works, we are given new life. Forever and ever.

As Jesus said: “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in Me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.” (John 11:25-26).

Now that is truly Good News.”

With acknowledgement to Gary Graf...In his amusing and thought-provoking parallels Between the Bible and Golf.

Fellow Golfers,

Stay on the fairway

Chaplain Peter.

Balls Lost or Out of Bounds

NWBGC has now introduced a local rule which allows the alternative to stroke-and-distance penalties when out of bounds or a ball is lost.

The new local rule will allow golfers the option to drop the ball in the vicinity of where the ball is lost or out of bounds (including the nearest fairway area), under a two-stroke penalty.

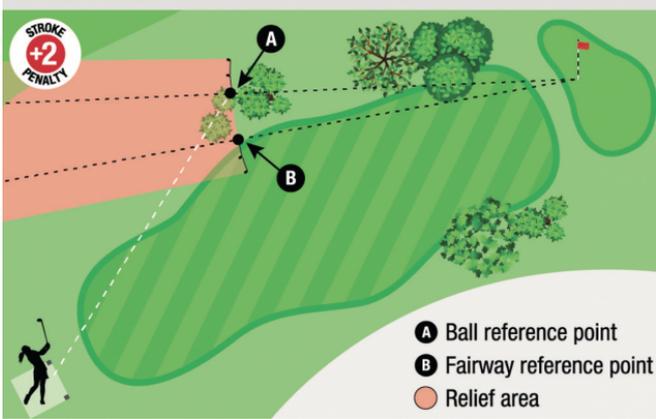
It addresses concerns raised at the club level about the negative impact on pace of play when a player is required to go back under stroke and distance.

The local rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite competitions.

Here’s how it would work where adopted...

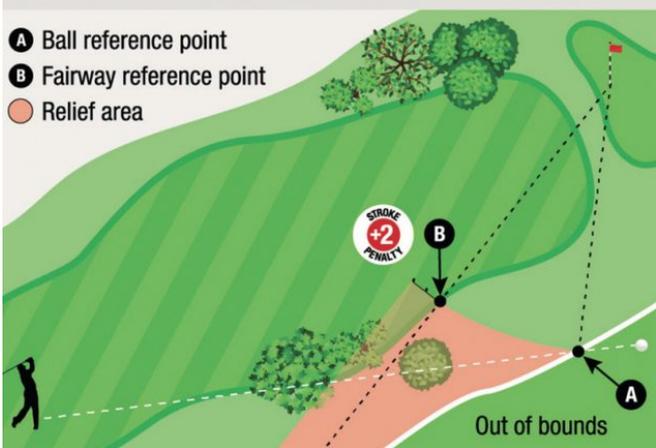
If your ball is lost or out of bounds, find an equal distant point on the edge of the fairway (your ‘fairway reference point’) to where you believe your ball is either lost or went out of bounds (your ‘ball reference point’) and then drop somewhere between the two, with a further two club lengths leeway (either side for a lost ball) under penalty of two strokes.

MLR E-5 DIAGRAM 1: BALL NOT FOUND



Graphics: R&A

MLR E-5 DIAGRAM 2: BALL OUT OF BOUNDS



Graphics: R&A

If it was your tee shot that went out of bounds, you would be playing four from there, just as you would if you had hit your provisional ball to the same spot.

Dropping the Ball

The Old Rule: When taking a drop, a player must stand erect and hold the ball at shoulder height and arms length when dropping. A drop in any other manner is a one-stroke penalty.

The New Rule: The new rule states that a player's only requirement is that the ball must be at knee height when dropping and must not touch any part of a player's body or equipment before hitting the ground. There is no need to keep your arm erect or worry about that pesky posture, just hold the ball by your knee and drop. This proposed change originally said players could drop from any distance — recommended to be at least one inch above the ground — but that was later revised to knee height. That, we think, was a good change, if for no other reason than thinking of how foolish golfers might look by getting on their hands and knees and dropping a tiny ball merely an inch.

There is also been a revision to the rule regarding where a dropped ball must come to rest. A ball must

only be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area, and if it fails to stay inside the relief area it may be dropped again. If still outside the relief area after the second drop it will be placed where it first touched the ground on the second drop.

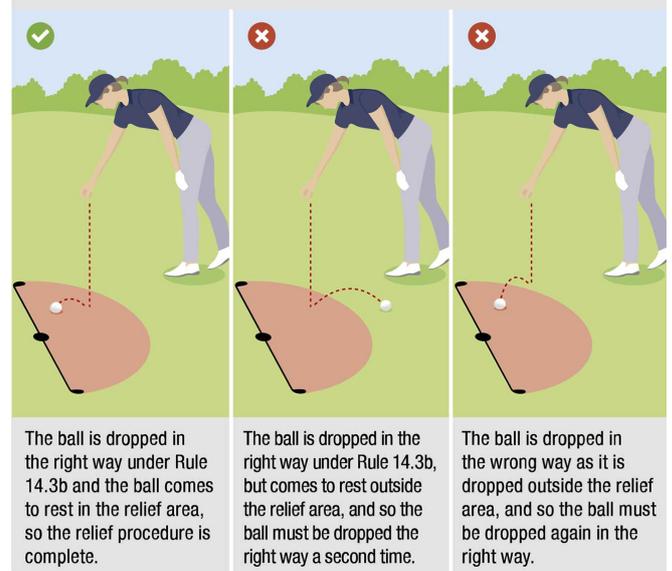


A golfer drops a golf ball at his knees, which is the new procedure for a drop starting in 2019. USGA

Why It Was Changed: The new way to drop will increase the chance of a ball staying within its relief area, but dropping a ball (instead of placing it) still doesn't guarantee a perfect lie. As for the changes to a dropped ball coming to rest, it is now more likely the ball will be played from close to where it originally came to rest.

How It Can Help You: Dropping from a lower point should give you a better chance to secure a desired lie. The lower height of the drop also limits how much a ball might be embedded (in the sand, for example) after a drop.

DIAGRAM 14.3c: BALL MUST BE DROPPED IN AND COME TO REST IN RELIEF AREA



This diagram shows how a ball must be dropped and come to rest. USGA

Interesting Golf Facts

1. 125,000 golf balls a year are hit into the water at the famous 17th hole of the Stadium Course at Sawgrass.
2. The longest drive ever is 515 yards. The longest putt ever is a monstrous 375 feet.
3. Phil Mickelson, who plays left-handed, is actually right handed. He learned to play golf by mirroring his father's golf swing, and he has used left handed golf clubs ever since.
4. The chances of making two holes-in-one in a round of golf are one in 67 million.
5. Tiger Woods snagged his first ace at the tender age of eight.
6. Balls travel significantly further on hot days. A golfer swinging a club at around 100 mph will carry the driver up to eight yards longer for each increase in air temperature of 25° F.
7. The longest golf course in the world is the par 77 International Golf Club in Massachusetts which measures a fearsome 8325 yards.
8. The highest golf course in the world is the Tactus Golf Club in Morococha, Peru, which sits 14,335 feet above sea level at its lowest point.
9. The longest golf hole in the world is the 7th hole (par 7) of the Sano Course at the Satsuki Golf Club in Japan. It measures an incredible 909 yards.
10. The largest bunker in the world is Hell's Half Acre on the 585 yard 7th hole at Pine Valley Course in New Jersey. The largest golfing green is that of the 695-yard, 5th hole, a par 6 at the International Golf Club in Massachusetts, with an area in excess of 28,000 square feet.
12. The driver swing speed of an average lady golfer is 62 mph; 96 mph for an average LPGA professional; 84 mph for an average male golfer; 108 mph for an average PGA Tour player; 130 mph for Tiger Woods; 148-152 mph for a national long drive champion.
13. There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.
14. The first golf balls were made of thin leather stuffed with feathers. Tightly-packed feathers made balls that flew the farthest. Feather balls were used until 1848.
15. The youngest golfer to shoot a hole-in-one was Coby Orr, who was five years old at the time. It happened in Littleton, Colorado, in 1975.
16. 22.8% of golfers are women.
17. Golf was banned in Scotland from 1457 to 1502 to ensure citizens wouldn't waste time when preparing for an English invasion.

18. The term birdie comes from an American named Ab Smith. While playing at the Atlantic City Golf Club in 1899, he played what he described as a "bird of a shot", which became "birdie" over time.

19. The word golf does not mean "Gentleman Only, Ladies Forbidden". This is an internet myth. It is thought the word golf comes from the Dutch word "kolf" or "kolve", meaning "club". Historians believe this was passed on to the Scottish, whose own dialect changed this to "golfe," "gowl" or "gouf". By the sixteenth century, this had evolved into the word we know today.

20. Don't feel bad about your high handicap -80% of all golfers will never achieve a handicap of less than 18.

Membership Status

Members may have read or heard recently that Golf Australia is concerned about the decline in the numbers of women playing golf in Australia. Women used to represent more than 30% of people playing golf but unfortunately, for various reasons, this number has now fallen to around 22%. Golf Australia has created a program called Vision 2025 with the objective of lifting the participation levels of women in the sport. Part of its strategy was to request to the Australian Human Rights Commission that it develop guidelines for the promotion of equal opportunity for women and girls in golf. As part of its findings the Commission noted that there are traditions being maintained in some clubs which effectively discriminate against women.

At North West Bay we have continued to work with a Club Constitution that incorporates membership definitions which are well and truly past their use by date. The term "Associates" denotes that women are not considered members of our club and unless they have been awarded with "Life Member" status they have no voting rights. As a consequence they have no real input into matters affecting the management and future direction of our club.

The Board considers the current situation warrants change and that our membership definitions must be changed to remove the discrimination created by the Club's Constitution. The Board is currently drafting new membership definitions under the By-laws provision of the Constitution which will provide for our female golfers to become members with voting rights. Later in the year the Board will convene a Special General Meeting to seek changes to the body of the Constitution to remove references to the term "Associates".

Our female members have contributed greatly to the successes and traditions of our club. They have worked

hard to raise funds for our club and continue to do so. Their recognition as members is well overdue.

It is to be hoped that Golf Australia's Vision 2025 assists our club in growing its female membership and encouraging their participation in planning the future of our club.

M.Jarman

President

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