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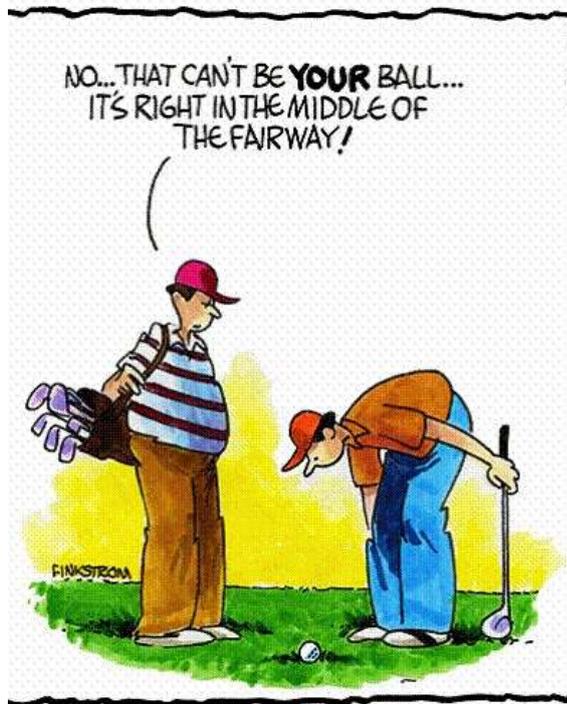
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*Half of golf is fun
The other half is putting
Peter Dobereiner*



New Members

At the recent Board meeting, the following persons were accepted as members of our Club.

George Petford
Gary Dwyer
Leslie Voss
Jason Reed

Please make them welcome.

Our Thanks and Gratitude

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Quiz Night. Your efforts ensured a successful night.

Also, thank you to those who participated in the quiz. Without you, there would not be a quiz night.

Again, thank you to everyone who volunteered there time to help improve our course. Their contribution is greatly appreciated.

2019/2020 Membership Payments

Invoices for next year's membership will be issued towards the end of September.

Ladies News by Sue Symons

Recent winners have been:

Sue Hall who has won monthly trophies for August and again September. Well done Sue on winning the jackpot twice.

Jan Palfreyman won the Founder's Trophy. Well done Jan.

A very big thank you to Carol Mackey for taking over the Captain's duty while Sue and Jan both went on leave during the same period!!

The footy tipping competition has finished, and Annie Kruimink gained 1st prize with Jan and Corm runners up. Very big thank you to Tim Palfreyman for organising the software for us and to the ladies who were involved in the running of the competition.

The money raised in the footy tipping is earmarked for the building fund for the club.

The recent quiz night was very successful, and we thank Neil and also the lady members who contributed to this event on the night. It was nice to see the clubhouse full again, with some other people who have not been associated with the club. Thank you to Martin for auctioning off the three bird photos taken by Neil. The proceeds from this evening will also be going to the club fundraising programme.

We have a hectic time approaching with the spring tournament this Tuesday. There are several visitors on

the board already, no doubt due to the fact that the Barclay Shield is being played at our course once again on Monday 23rd September. These visitors will no doubt be trying to work out the best strategy for their teams...

Good luck to Robin Smithies and Judith Cooper and also Annie Kruimink and Colleen Thompson, our representatives.

It will undoubtedly be all hands on deck with the organisation, spotters duties and catering for about 120 players plus their caddies and supporters. All help is appreciated by members and lady members.

Then two days later, we will have our annual breakfast in remembrance of our past associate members.

And the following week, we will be hosting the Barclay Shield.

Who says the lady members don't do much!!!!

Sue

Men's Competition Results

Men's Monthly Medal Results: September

Congratulations to

Mark Scully	82.15.67	Saturday
Jamie MacArthur	42 pts	Wednesday

on your monthly medal win.

Around the Club and Course

Club House Development

Important News

The latest news received at our Club is the bank's real estate agent, Knight Frank, will be marketing the clubhouse property within the next couple of weeks. Knight Frank will be seeking bids for the property.

It is important to remember that the sale only applies to approximately 1.2 hectares around the clubhouse, which had been purchased 13 years previously to build a golf and accommodation centre. Regrettably, the development was not realised as it was hoped. ***The sale does not include the golf course.*** The course is the property of our Club and will remain so.

What does this mean for our club?

In the immediate period, our Club will continue to operate from the clubhouse. However, we do not have any idea how long this will continue.

What is being done regarding the pending sale of the clubhouse?

The Board has been planning to ensure our Club can maintain effective operations with least disruption to members.

The first issue is planning for temporary facilities should we no longer have access to the clubhouse. The first task is to submit a Development Application (DA) for temporary club accommodation. This task requires we meet with the Kingborough Council (this meeting has occurred) to establish Council requirements and then we consult with both a land planner and arborist to ensure what development does occur has the least environmental impact of our course. We are aiming to submit the DA soon.

The second issue is **examining options for our Club to submit a bid to purchase the clubhouse**. While our Club has a solid financial base, we still need to continue to grow the building fund. We have had offers of interest-free loans from a couple of members to help this bid, which are an excellent backing for our Club. Besides, there are planned activities which aim to increase our building fund. We encourage your support and all donations and participation in fundraising activities are appreciated. If you can assist or have any ideas about raising more funds, please contact the Club Manager or President.

Our hope is a developer purchases the property and our Club can negotiate a joint operation with the developer similar to the original concept plan. Again there are no certainties that this is possible.

Another possible outcome is an investor buys the property, and they then levy rent against our Club. The Board sees this option as not the best result for our Club as it is just paying out dead money.

Should our Club not be able to negotiate with a developer or an investor buys the property and imposes rent on our Club, the Board may need to consider building a clubhouse elsewhere on the course. The construction of a clubhouse will require a considerable investment of funds.

The Board's planning is multifaceted. While we are hopeful that a joint development may be successful, the Board is undertaking planning for all possibilities to ensure we are not caught out.

More information in the next newsletter.

Risk Management

Our Club, like all sporting organisations, is a business operation; much like a retailing or manufacturing operation. The only difference is our business is sport, golf.

To survive in today's competitive world, all businesses must plan to safeguard the ongoing durability and permanency of the organisation. It is the same for our Club.

Planning has many guises, including strategic planning, business planning, financial planning activity planning, and so on. Regardless of the type of

planning, the risks and threats that could disrupt achieving the plan's objectives must be known and managed.

Risk management is the process of identifying, assessing and controlling threats, i.e. uncertainties with negative consequences to our Club's operations and earnings. The dangers or risks include financial uncertainty, declining memberships and golf participation, legal liabilities, management errors, accidents and natural events affecting the course playability.

Strategies to manage threats typically include avoiding the danger, reducing the negative effect or probability of the threat or transferring all or part of the threat to another party, e.g. insurance policies specifically covering the nature of the risk. Risk mitigation also includes identifying opportunities to strengthen our Club's ability to achieve the best outcomes for our members.

It is proposed to develop a risk management plan to assist our Club in managing possible threats that could negatively impact the future of our Club.

The Don Hazell Memorial Golf Day

This event is in recognition of our Club's great benefactor as well as being a vital fundraiser for our Club's building fund. The game is on Saturday 14 September.

The day is an ambrose event and kicks off at a 10:30 shotgun start. Entry fee is \$30 per player and includes food and prizes.

The Board encourages your support.

Senior's Week

Seniors Week 2019 is 14 – 20 October. Our Club is hosting an introduction to golf day on 17 October.

The event will take participants through the basics of golf, followed by a social drink in the clubhouse.

More details shortly.

Quiz Night

Oh, What a Night!

The ladies have already mentioned the success of the night. However, a few more details on a successful night: more than 75 people attended; our Club raised around \$1,000, not including the funds taken over the bar, and from the feedback, everyone had a great time.

Thank you to everyone who made the night a success.

Events Coming Soon

18 Oct	Steak and Shiraz Night
TBA Nov	Quiz Night
TBA Dec	Black Shirt Day
11 Dec	Christmas Function

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

New Hole/Stroke Ratings

Recently the index ratings of several holes have been changed to reflect the actual average rating of the hole.

Remember to check that your scores apply correctly to the new hole index.

Repair of Divots

Have you ever taken a divot on the tee or fairway, during a round of golf?

Don't feel embarrassed, it's a common occurrence for most golfers when they play. As we swing our clubs, sometimes we take a chunk of turf out of the ground, a divot. Golf etiquette requires a player to fix the divot to the best of their ability to keep the course in peak shape, especially for those following.



Seems simple, right? Wrong!

Some players particularly those new to the game, do not know how to repair the divot. The following is the preferred way to fix a divot.

Divots on Tees

The bulk of tee areas around our course have sandboxes to assist you with repairing a divot.

Simply take some sand from the sandbox and cover the divot area.

Push down on the sand to keep it in place and to ensure that it is levelled to the surrounding ground.

Fairway Divots

The fairway is the area where you will find the most divots. Fairway divots are the ones most likely to

cause problems when playing your golf round. Therefore, repairing them is essential for your enjoyment of the game.

To repair a divot, collect the piece of turf that was removed when hitting your shot and replace it in the divot.

Cover the divot with sand and press it down to secure the turf into the divot. Make sure the sand is levelled to the surrounding ground.

If you are unable to find the removed turf, just fill the divot with sand and level it to the surrounding ground.

Always carry a sand bucket when enjoying your round of golf. This will ensure you can quickly repair a divot.



In Profile: Les Barratt



I have talked with many people over the years, but I have never met anyone as unpretentious and down to earth as Les Barratt. A true gentleman.

Les was introduced to golf by a couple of work colleagues more than fifty years ago when having a hit at Risdon Bay; the golfing bug still bites. Fortunately for North West Bay, he ventured onto our course in 1968, which he said was very different from today's layout. He became a member in 1969, making Les a half centurian member.

Les worked as a rep for Motors Spare Parts but now enjoys retirement...well almost. As one of the original and perhaps the last original, Dad's Army volunteers, Les is on our course every week working hard to keep the course in good condition. He has built paths, trimmed trees, cut wood, cleaned up the course, and any other jobs as necessary. In Les's words: "I enjoy working on the course and would work here every day if he could".

You may have seen the sign on a tree on the 18th "Barratt's Bank". Les played an integral role in making safe a dangerously steep bank on the right side of the fairway not far from the green. He indicated that it was impossible to maintain the bank area due to the steepness of the ground. If you hit the ball into the area, you couldn't hit it out because of the length of the grass. Consequently, you had to take an unplayable lie.

Les worked with Capo (Wayne Manning) who works with Hazell Bros to arrange truckloads of dirt to fill the bank. He put drains in, raked the soil down and seeded it. Today the bank, while still a challenge, is playable.

He has been a volunteer for more than 15 years.

Les's golfing achievements include being one half of the winning foursomes team in 1991 and hitting a hole in one, albeit, no one was there to see it. Still, a hole in one is a hole in one. Well done.

As with the discussions about his volunteer work at the Club, Les was very modest about his golfing activities. He simply said he enjoys playing golf and the friendships playing golf bring.

Outside our Club, Les is married with two children – a boy and a girl. He also has four grandchildren aged 19, 16, 9 and 7.

Chaplains Corner

“One of the attractions of golf is its many parallels to “the game of life”. Life is also to be played on a course, the course of our life.

As in Golf, our daily walk through life brings new opportunities and new challenges. There is adversity to be avoided or overcome, the beauty of life and nature to be explored, and relationships with people and God to be developed. In life, as in golf, we will never reach perfection, but we can begin to make progress. The great Bobby Jones, said: “The real way to enjoy playing Golf is to take pleasure not in the score, but in the execution of the strokes.” How true that is of life as well. We need to take time to enjoy life.

Ultimately, “the game” is about relationships with others and with Jesus. Jesus seeks to be our teacher, counsellor, friend and Saviour.

He is the ultimate Pro, the only pro who can provide eternal wisdom, and inspiration for one's life.

He is the only one who can really guide you through the course of life.”

Stay on the fairway

Chaplain Peter.

Golf Rules:

What's the Ruling Quiz; the answers...

1. What does the ban on anchoring permit and prohibit in grips and strokes?

A...In making a stroke, the player must not anchor the club, either:

*Directly, by holding the club or a gripping hand against any part of the body (except that the player may hold the club or a gripping hand against a hand or forearm), or

*Indirectly, through use of an “anchor point,” by holding a forearm against any part of the body to use a gripping hand as a stable point around which the other hand may swing the club.

If the player's club, gripping hand or forearm merely touches his or her body or clothing during the stroke, without being held against the body, there is no breach of this Rule.

2. My ball landed in a divot hole in the fairway; do I get free relief?

A...No, the ball must be played as it lies.

3. What is the 'nearest point of relief' and how do I find it?

A...The "nearest point of relief" in golf is a spot on a golf course closest to the golfer's ball but no closer to the hole from which the golfer can take a free drop (without penalty) when that golf ball is sitting in one of several specific circumstances that are mostly covered in Rule 16.

4. My ball hit an overhead power line - do I get to replay the shot?

A...This depends on if there is a local rule covering this issue. If there is a local rule in place, you may be required to replay the stroke without penalty. There is no golfer's option. If your ball strikes a power line or overhead cable, you *must* cancel the stroke, then replay the stroke without penalty (even if your shot deflected into the perfect spot).

Likewise, if such a local rule is *not* in effect, you may not replay the stroke (unless you are willing to declare the ball unplayable and take the resulting penalty). You must play the ball as it lies.

5. My ball is stuck in a tree - what are my options?

A...There are three options, which are:

Play It as It Lies (Hit Ball Out of the Tree) which means climbing the tree and play your shot without penalty. However, this is not without risk as you could fall and injure yourself.

Declare Your Ball Stuck Up the Tree Unplayable under Rule 19, and take a one-stroke penalty. Drop the ball within two club-lengths of the ball. The spot from which you measure the two club-lengths is that spot on the ground directly under where the ball rests

in the tree. But to use the unplayable option, you *must* be able to identify your ball.

Implement Lost Ball Procedure Alas, you may not be able to find a golf ball that has lodged in a tree, even if you know it's up there somewhere. The only option then is to accept the penalty for a lost ball and proceed under Rule 18.2 (Ball Lost or Out of Bounds). The lost ball penalty is stroke-and-distance; that means adding a one-stroke penalty to your score and returning to the spot of the previous stroke, where you must replay the shot.

Even if you see a ball up in the tree, you'll have to take a lost ball penalty unless you can positively identify it as yours, and you only have three minutes within which to find and identify a golf ball.

6. Should rakes be left inside or outside of bunkers?

A...There is not a perfect answer for the position of rakes, and it is a matter for each Club Committee to decide whether it has rakes placed in or out of bunkers.

7. Ball markers: Do the rules say what should - or shouldn't - be used?

A...the R&A and USGA define a ball marker as:

"An artificial object when used to mark the spot of a ball to be lifted, such as a tee, a coin, an object made to be a ball-marker or another small piece of equipment."

8. What do red, yellow and white stakes or lines mean on a golf course?

A...Red stakes and lines indicate a lateral water hazard (now called penalty areas).

Yellow stakes and lines indicate a water hazard (now called penalty areas).

Be careful of this one...white stakes are used to indicate out-of-bounds. However, on our course, the out of bounds are marked by white stakes with a black band and some GURs are marked with white stakes.

9. Do golfers playing as singles have any standing on the course?

A...In the past, single players did not have any right of way when playing behind a group of two, three or four players.

In 2004, this changed when the golf etiquette was changed as follows:

"Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, priority on the course is determined by a group's pace of play. Any group playing a whole round is

entitled to pass a group playing a shorter round. The term 'group' includes a single player."

10. What does "keeping that point between you and the hole" mean?

A...When you have an unplayable lie, one option is to take the flagstick and the point where your ball came to rest and move back away from the hole in a straight line as far as you want.

Golf Humour

A foursome of older players came back after a round of golf. At the 19th hole in the Clubhouse, the Pro, Ross, politely asked them, 'How did your game go?'

The first said they had a good round with 25 riders. The second said they did OK with 16 riders. The third said not too bad since I had 10 riders. The fourth was disappointed and said that they played poorly with only two riders.

Ross was confounded by this term "rider" but not wanting to show his ignorance just smiled and wish them better golf the next time.

He then approached Jimmy, the bartender, and asked, 'Hey, Jimmy, can you tell me what does this term "riders" mean?'

Jimmy smiled as he explained to Ross that a "rider" is when you have hit a shot long enough to take a ride on a golf cart.



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