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*"No, this isn't the year 1972. I think you spent way too much time looking for your ball in those woods."*



*To all our members,  
we wish you a very  
merry Christmas  
and a safe and  
prosperous 2020.*

## Around the Club and Course

### Coming Events

No activities have been scheduled for 2020, as yet.

### AGM

Our Club's Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 16 December at 7:30pm.

Firstly, our apologies for the two starting times for the AGM and thank you for your patience with this issue.

Positions for election are:

President	Neil Sorensen
Vice-President	Tom Holmes
Captain	Mark Cullen
Vice-Captain	Kevin Roberts
Board Members	
Jan Palfreyman	Steve Morgan
Margaret Cormack	Kelvin Michael
Gaye Morriss	Mark Scully
Treasurer	Paul Chatterton.

As part of the AGM, our Club made changes to our constitution to ensure the constitution complies with Australia's gender equity laws. Now all members of our Club are full members. There is no longer any reference to Associate members.

As part of gender equity, it now means that all competitions are open to both women and men. At this time, we are still to work out how this will work. It will be a priority in the coming year.

Also, a change to the constitution now allows the board to suspend members should they bring the club into disrepute.

From the reports from the President, Captain and Treasurer, it is clear that our Club finished the year strongly. The best news is that we finished the year financially in the black. And the immediate future, ie the next 12 months for our Club, is stable as we can continue to operate from the clubhouse. Yes, we have to pay rent, but the rent is within budget and a fair rent.

### Thank you Martin

At the AGM, Martin Jarman stepped down as Club President to focus more on his golf and work around the course.

Martin stepped up to take over the president's role when it was vacated 18 months ago. He was subsequently re-elected as president for 2018/19.

The past year has been filled with numerous challenges, particularly the sale of the clubhouse and

the TasWater works (although these works commenced more than three years ago).

The work dealing with these issues has been mostly invisible to our members. There have been frequent meetings, countless phone calls and many letter exchanges. Besides, there have been difficult negotiations regarding entitlements for our Club. Most of the work Martin has undertaken is in excess to regular tasks of a golf club president.

Martin has carried the ball in most of these tasks achieving excellent outcomes for our Club.

Thank you Martin for your outstanding contribution to our Club.

Good luck with the golf.

### Life Membership



Les Barratt

It was with great pleasure, we can announce our newest life member, Mr Les Barratt.

Les became a club member in 1969, and besides playing golf, he is frequently seen at our club working to improve our course.

The number of hours Les has worked at our club is considerable and much appreciated.

Congratulations Les.

### Around the Club

#### New Members

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

Robin Roberts      Michael Burdon  
Damien Pearce      Morgan Warne  
Matthew Monaghan

Please make them welcome.

#### Resignations

Sadly, our Club has lost a member. We wish them well in their alternative activities.

The only resignation is:

Stuart Hancock

## On the Course

### Our Volunteers

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, our Club has a dedicated band of volunteers who, week in, week out, work to improve our course for the members.

To thank our volunteers, the ladies hosted an afternoon tea for them.



*Dad's Army faithfuls Les Barratt, Tom Holmes, Max Glock and Martin Jarman with greens staff, Herbie and Henry.*



### Greens Committee Report

The Greens Committee has developed a plan for several course improvements. These improvements include:

- Developing the practice green;
- Expanding and improving the 3<sup>rd</sup> green
- Filling in the 18<sup>th</sup> greenside bunker and grassing the area and
- Cutting the primary rough to a length of 75mm.

After some feedback on the elimination of the 1, 2 and 3 pin positions, the Board will review advice on pin placements. More information when a decision is made.



### For Your Safety...

As many are aware, there are a few holes that pose a risk of being struck by a golf ball. The primary holes where the problem exists are as follows:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> from the 2<sup>nd</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> from the 8<sup>th</sup>, the 7<sup>th</sup> from the 6<sup>th</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> from the 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> from the 9<sup>th</sup>, the 15<sup>th</sup> from the 14<sup>th</sup>, and the 16<sup>th</sup> from the 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you should hit a ball to these noted fairways, please call "fore" as most of these fairways are blind to oncoming players.

### Ladies News by Sue Symons

Winners of the 18 hole foursomes championship were:

Gross Robin Smithies and Heather Dwyer and Nett Julie Collet and Jill Taylor.

Division 2 winners were Beth Collins and Judith Cooper.

The 12 hole winners were Sue Ball and Diane Banks. Well played to you all.

The Penny Egg final was played recently, and the winner was Judith Cooper, on a countback from Sue Symons. The Penny Egg finalists are all of the monthly trophy winners for the year.

Annette Grimes and Sue Symons tied for the 18 hole turkey board chip-ins for the year, and Pat Irvine won the 12 hole event.

The mixed foursomes championship was held at the end of November, the winners for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row were Annie Kruimink and Trent Riseley. Well done. It was a most enjoyable day with many players and was played in great spirit with lots of stirring amongst the groups. The ladies and members would like this to become a regular event in 2020 if possible. We would encourage all members of the club to join in as it tends to bring the club together.

Another idea which has been mooted is a Nine and Dine evening which we hope may start in the new year.

On Tuesday the ladies held their Christmas Party, with about 45 for lunch. Again, it was a great fun day, as we played a Random Ramble 9 holes followed by a most delicious meal prepared so nicely by Abbie. Thank you so much Abbie.



Thanks also to Sheila Kile who once again “played Santa” and her friend Aly Gregg. It is a lovely time to see past Associates in the clubhouse for lunch.



Margaret Avery & Aly Greg with friends Pat & Sheila

The winner of the Fahan Trophy for 2019 was Keren Batchelor. Congratulations Keren.

We are planning to welcome in the new golfing year of 2020 early January with a barbeque meal and a fun game. This was a great success last January and is lots of fun.

Sue

## Competition Results

### Men's Club Championship

Club Champion	Baden Ribbon
B Grade Champion	Mark Scully
C Grade Champion	Tony Barton
Veterans Champion	Brett Rolf



### Our Champion



### Mixed Foursomes Championship

Annie Kruimink and Trent Riseley



### Men's Monthly Medal Results: September

Congratulations to

<b>Ken Glasson</b>	95.26.69	Saturday
<b>Michael Christian</b>	36 pts	Wednesday

on your monthly medal win.

### Chaplains Corner

In Golf, there seem to be as many self-appointed teachers as there are players. While most players are searching for their “Excalibur,” often they talk as if they have found the remedy to their golf swing and to everyone else’s. Wise players will seek a capable pro to teach and guide them in achieving their potential.

While every individual walks a different path in life, we each have the opportunity for eternal life, through faith in the one whose coming into the World we celebrate at Christmas time. Jesus Christ is available to teach, guide, and instruct us through the Eternal wisdom of the Bible.

As in Golf and life, this journey is not based on how much you have read, nor your level of knowledge. Instead, it is about your application of God’s truth on the Course of daily living.

May I wish you all this Season's greetings,  
*Chaplain Peter.*



## Roads And Paths: When Do I Get A Drop?

This is a question asked when players land on the track at the back of the 16<sup>th</sup> green and could apply to the track at the rear of the 15<sup>th</sup> green.

Relief without penalty is generally available under Rule 16 from immovable obstructions such as artificially-surfaced roads and paths since they are "obstructions" by definition.

However, some issues need to be clarified before we can say for sure that free relief is available from a path.

Firstly, a track or path formed by vehicle or buggy movement is not an obstruction, so free relief is not available.

Secondly, what constitutes artificial surfacing? Artificial surfacing is "A road or path to which any foreign material, e.g. concrete, tar, gravel, wood chips, etc. has been added."

Therefore, if the path is surfaced with material that wasn't there before, it is regarded under the rules as being artificially surfaced, even if the material is something natural such as gravel or wood chips.

Note that this applies whether or not the path has a border constructed of wood, concrete or something similar.

A committee may declare any obstruction (including an artificially surfaced path) an integral part of the course.

If it does so, there is no free relief and the options available are to play the ball as it lies or declare it unplayable.

Finally, having established that a particular path is an obstruction because it is "artificially" surfaced and that there is no Local Rule declaring it as an integral part of

the course, relief would still be denied if the following exception.

### **Exception**

A player may not obtain relief if

(a) it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than an immovable obstruction or

(b) interference by an immovable obstruction would occur only through the use of an unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing or direction of play.

In conclusion, players are not entitled to a free drop off the trackways behind the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> greens or the trackway to the left of the 17<sup>th</sup>. The only exception is if your ball is sitting in a tyre impression (example below) within those areas.



*Example of a ball in a tyre impression*

## Golfing Trivia and Humour

1. Balls travel significantly further on hot days. A golfer swinging a club at around 100 mph (160kph) will carry the driver up to 7.5 metres longer for each increase in air temperature of 4°C.
2. Approximately 800 million golf balls are manufactured each year. I wonder how many of these are lost.
3. The chances of making two holes-in-one in a round of golf are one in 67 million.
4. 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, USA, in 1975. Tiger Woods was 8 years old when he scored his first hole-in-one.

### **Golf Swindler**

While sitting at a table in the clubhouse after a game, Padraig remarked to a fellow club member, 'I'm not going to play golf with Jim Lawler anymore. He cheats.'

'Why do you say that?' asked his friend.

'Well, he found his lost ball two feet from the green', replied Padraig indignantly.

'That's entirely possible', commented his friend.

'Not when I had his golf ball in my pocket', retorted Padraig with finality.

### *Golf Partner*

Alex comes home after his regular Saturday golf game and his wife, Amanda asks why he doesn't include John Gumby in the games anymore.

Alex asks, 'Would you want to play with a guy who regularly cheats, swears outrageously over everything, lies about his score, and has nothing good to say about anyone else on the course?'

'Of course, I wouldn't,' states Amanda.

'Well,' mutters Alex, 'neither does John Gumby.'

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