



# NORTH WEST BAY GOLF CLUB

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## *Birdies and Eagles Newsletter*

### January 2020



#### OUR THANKS AND GRATITUDE

There are a few people who generously give up their time to improve our Club or support our Club's activities.

In particular, the board would like to thank Jamie MacArthur. Jamie has been a long-time member and our Club's go-to man when we need signs around our club. All our sponsor, advisory and quiz night signs have professionally created by Jamie. And all the work has been done at no cost to our club.

Thank you, Jamie.

The Thursday volunteers...where would we be without the mighty efforts of Max, Les, Andrew, Martin, Rowan and Tom. Most Thursdays, you will find these gentlemen hard at it on the course, removing debris around the fairways, cutting the rough, fixing things and a host of other jobs. Our thanks to them all.

As they say, many hands make light work. If you can help Dad's Army, you would be welcomed.

Thank you Andrew Wilson for his help replacing the failed fridge in the café.

Finally, in this edition, thanks to Brett Rolf.

Brett has spent hours working at the club to cut greens, fix plumbing issues and working to improve the irrigation system.

Brett's work is greatly appreciated.

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## AROUND THE CLUB AND COURSE

### *New Members*

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

Justin Wells and Thomas McDonald

Please make them welcome.

### *Building Fund Activities*

Nothing to report this month.



### *Ladies News by Sue Symons*

Welcome to the new year to great golf, we hope!!

The ladies are having a new year barbeque on Friday 17 January 2020 to welcome in the new year, with fun games, good food and wine.

Congratulations to the three ladies who have been elected to the Club Board for this year, Corm, Gaye and Jan. Well done ladies. Congratulations to Neil and Kevin who have been elected President and Captain of the Club respectively.

I am sure it will be a very interesting year with regards to the change of ownership of the clubhouse and also seeing new faces on the Board.

January Monthly Trophy was won by Ruth Sawford with a nice score of 72 nett.

Well done Ruth, a great start to the year.

In February, we are holding our Summer Cup and hoping for some visitors to try out our course, particularly before pennant begins in March.

A number of our ladies attended the Huon Valley Open, we understand that course is in very good condition, with the availability of lots of water from the Huon River.

*Sue Symons*

## *Men's Competition Results*

### *Men's Monthly Medal Results: January*

Congratulations to

Saturday

**Klaus van Dreizman** 79-12-67

Wednesday

**Doug Batchelor** 42 pts

on your monthly medal wins.

### *Junior Golf*

Do you know any children aged between 6 and 14 years who want to try golf?

If you do, our club is a registered Golf Australia MyGolf Centre, and we offer lessons each Sunday afternoon.

Lessons for Rookies are between 1:30 and 2:15 and for the Juniors between 2:30 and 4:30 on Saturdays.

The Rookie class aims to develop the fundamental skills for hitting, chipping and putting. The Junior class will continue to allow children to develop their skills as well as allowing them onto the course to play a few holes.

The cost for the classes is only \$5, which is the Golf Australia registration fee payable at the beginning of each school term. No additional fees apply. All equipment is provided.

The instructor is Neil Sorensen, who is a certified Golf Australia and PGA instructor.

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### *Reshaping the greens*

As you would have noticed, many of our greens have changed in shape.

The main aim of the changes is to improve the playability of the green. That is, on greens such as the 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, etc., the changes are intended to lessen the chance of balls running off the green.

The reshaping of greens is only a trial at this time. At the end of April, the benefits will be assessed, and where there isn't any adverse effect on scores, the Board will decide to keep the changes or not.

If you have any comments, please let the Board know.

### *Visit by Illawarra Primary School*

Near the end of December, our Club hosted 50 students from the Illawarra Primary School for a come and try golf day.

The children tried various aspects of golf, including putting, chipping and hitting.

The response of the children was very positive, and they all seemed to enjoy the experience.

A few of the children certainly demonstrated a natural ability to hit a golf ball, and it would be great if they took the game up at our Club.

Our thanks to Gaye Morriss, Sue Hall, Ruth Sawford and Kelvin Michael who gave up their time to help with the day.



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### **CHAPLAINS CORNER**

“BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS”

Remember that the game is designed for one’s pleasure.

Therefore, cultivate the habit of fair thinking about the rubs of fortune, learn to recognise your good luck and offset it against the bad. You will enjoy your game that way, as one should, and you will give your partner a better chance to enjoy theirs.

The Good Book reminds us in Luke 6:31...

‘AND JUST AS YOU WANT PEOPLE TO TREAT YOU, TREAT THEM IN THE SAME WAY’

The golf course, like the rest of life, is a place where we need to be a blessing, not a burden, to those around us.

Stay on the fairway

*Chaplain Peter.*

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### **WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM**

*From The R&A and USGA*

The World Handicap System (WHS) is ready to be launched from January 2020 and will provide golfers with a unified and more inclusive handicapping system for the first time.

Developed by The R&A and USGA in close coordination with existing handicapping authorities, the WHS will provide all golfers with a consistent measure of playing ability, with handicaps calculated in the same way wherever they are in the world.

A key objective of the initiative was to develop a modern system, enabling as many golfers as possible to obtain and maintain a Handicap Index. Golfers will be able to transport their Handicap Index globally and compete or play a casual round with players from other regions on a fair basis. It will also indicate the score a golfer is reasonably capable of achieving the next time they go out to play.

The WHS has two main components – the Rules of Handicapping and the Course Rating System. The Rules of Handicapping are encompassed within seven Rules to inform administrators and golfers on how an official Handicap Index is calculated and administered, with some flexibility given to national associations based on how the sport is played and enjoyed in their region. The Course Rating System, based on the USGA Course Rating System first adopted nearly 50 years ago and already adopted on nearly every continent, sets out a consistent method of determining a course’s difficulty. Together, these components become the foundational elements in determining a golfer’s Handicap Index.

## The key features of WHS

The materials explain the system's key features, including:

- Flexibility in formats of play, allowing both competitive and recreational rounds to count for handicap purposes and ensuring that a Handicap Index reflects demonstrated ability
- A minimal number of scores needed to obtain a new handicap; with the number of scores needed to obtain a new handicap being 54 holes from any combination of 18-hole and 9-hole rounds (with some discretion available for national or regional associations)
- An average-based calculation of a handicap, taken from the best eight out of the last 20 scores and factoring in memory of demonstrated ability for better responsiveness/control
- A calculation that considers the impact that abnormal course and weather conditions might have on a player's performance each day
- Timely handicap revisions
- A limit of Net Double Bogey on the maximum hole score (for handicapping purposes only)
- A maximum handicap limit of 54.0, regardless of gender, to encourage more golfers to measure and track their performance to increase their enjoyment of the game

## A collaborative approach

The formation of a World Handicap System was first conceived in 2011 between the USGA and The R&A in an effort to engage more golfers in the game and promote equity, no matter where golf is played. The effort unites six existing handicapping systems into one, while embracing the many ways the game is played across cultures.

Beginning in 2020, the new WHS will be governed by The R&A and the USGA and administered by national and regional golf associations around the world.

The existing six handicapping authorities, Golf Australia, the Council of National Golf Unions (CONGU) in Great Britain and Ireland, the

European Golf Association (EGA), the South African Golf Association (SAGA), the Argentine Golf Association (AAG) and the USGA, represent approximately 15 million golfers in 80 countries who currently maintain a golf handicap.

As an extension of their support of the Rules of Golf worldwide, Rolex has made a commitment to support The R&A's and the USGA's efforts to implement the World Handicap System. To learn more about the World Handicap System please visit [WHS.com](http://WHS.com). For WHS information specific to a country, use the Association Finder for further information.

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## GOLF HUMOUR



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I was taking a golf lesson at the range one day trying to improve my game.

This old pro was sitting there giving the lesson and after every swing, he said: "your standing too close the ball".

So, I adjusted my stance and took another swing.

Again, the golf pro looked up from his seat and said the Same thing "you are too close to the ball."

So, I stepped back a little more and swung.

This went on for another six swings with the same advice and finally, out of exasperation I screamed what the hell are you talking about!

The old pro said, "no no, you are too close to the ball after you hit it".

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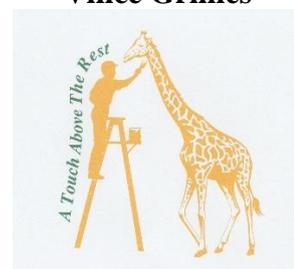
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