



Muree Golf Club Newsletter

MUREE NEWS

The New Year is off to a sweltering start with the Club issuing notices to players warning of the health issues that the summer heat can have on the golfers. Some very sound advice has been sent to players as well as assistance from our Pro Shop with the distribution of chilled water and refreshments on the competition days. The course has also been effected by the heat. The conditions are perfect for couch grass that has appeared in some of the greens, this cannot be treated until the cooler months arrive but our grounds staff are monitoring it. Afternoon players have had to endure the heat and the use of the sprinkler system, this has been done to keep the greens from the excessive heat as our bent greens do not suffer the heat well. Players are asked to adhere to the advice provided during these hot days to ensure that we all enjoy our game and do not suffer any ill effects.

The Club has a defibrillator as well as trained staff in the use of this important piece of medical equipment. Also, there are members of the staff that are first aid trained should a medical emergency arise. Players are advised to ring the Club and get assistance should an incident occur on the course.

In our last Newsletter I advised members about the Monthly Medal Stableford event and the need to complete your card as a Stableford event. Players wishing to compete for the Monthly Medal must enter a score for every hole, as if they were playing stroke. Once a player picks up or fails to complete a hole, they are no longer eligible for the Monthly Medal. Also some criticism was been received as there was no longer a scratch winner in each grade and the prize money had decreased. I advise that there is now a Scratch prize for each grade run on Monthly Medal events. Again, there is a requirement to complete every hole and record a score on the scorecard to be eligible for either the Monthly Medal or Scratch prizes.

Progress has been slow on the development front, the Board has reviewed an initial set of drawings and provided feedback to the design architect. Most of the feedback related to car parking (in particular, car parking with trailers for carts), the movement of 9th Green, and the move of the green keepers compound and associated infrastructure. We have also had the contractual documentation reviewed to ensure the Club is protected and is aware of all the issues before it makes any commitment.



Barry Marshall Solicitor



The Board have made the decision to cease the practice of using accumulated points to pay for annual subscription fees. While it is acknowledged that this decision will make a few members unhappy, the decision was made in the interests of the Club. Points accumulated from golf prizes and club bonuses can be used for purchases over the bar, in the bistro and in the pro shop, but no longer to renew membership or pay for competition golf.

The Rules of Golf have changed, and some quite significant changes will occur from 01 January 2019. The Rules Modernisation has come about as a consequence persistent requests to speed up the game and make it more simple. Attached is a link to the R&A website that has a range of videos that you can view to see what the changes are, how they effect the game and how to implement them. The Club is looking into holding a rules night to assist players with these new rules. New rule books are available for members, just ask at the admin office or Pro Shop.
<https://www.rules.golf/>

There is still a 9 hole competition every Saturday and Sunday and is open to all members, even those that have already played in the morning groups. This is a promotion started by Golf Australia and while it hasn't been that successful to date, it will remain available to all members throughout the year. I'm sure that time poor parents that have children who play morning sport could take advantage of this comp as well as those that would prefer to play nine holes on the very hot days of summer. You would now be getting information directly from the newly formed Course Committee. There will be regular bulletins to advise members of the things occurring on the course and other useful information regarding the golf and competitions.

The NDGA held their annual presentation and dinner at Muree this month. The presentation was for all three pennant grades as well as junior and senior trophy winners throughout 2018. The evening was well attended although I do have to apologise to those Muree members that were not properly accounted for on the night. There was some confusion with the different grades booking numbers rather than names and as a consequence a few awkward moments occurred. The Board will ensure that this does not occur again and apologies to those it effected. On a better note though, our caterer, Tony Hammond and his team did an outstanding job catering for the additional numbers and accommodating all patrons.

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