



Muree Golf Club

Newsletter

MUREE NEWS

Your Committee and Management Team

Since our last Newsletter there has been a significant change to our gaming machines operations. The CardIt system was installed early February which means that players, once registered, can use their membership card to hold their gaming monies. It is simple and safer than carrying cash and moving between different machines is simply a matter of removing your card from one machine and putting it into another and your balance travels with you. Your money is actually held on the computer in our main office, not your card, so if you lose the card, the office can issue you a new card. It's all protected by your pin number. So far there has been a slow acceptance of the system, but as players get more used to it, I'm very confident that the benefits will be obvious.

To attract new members to the Club, a special membership offer will commence from May 2017 where members can introduce a new full playing 7 day member to the club and you have the option of the new member paying \$100 for their membership, or sharing the cost of both memberships, a considerable saving for both. Effectively, the new member also gets 14 months rather than 12 months in this promotion. Further, the member that introduces the new member goes into a draw for a round of golf at Bonville for two with a cart and a night's accommodation. There are signs on the Club notice boards for further information, or just ask at the office about this deal, but it does not start until 01 May 2017.

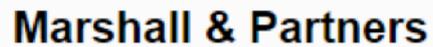
As a consequence of the extreme weather experienced this summer, the Board has directed its focus on water security. Investigation into the reuse of waste water from the treatment plant on Elizabeth Road was initially looked at. However a rising main to our storage areas was required. The dams we presently use for water storage would have to be lined to prevent ingress of the treated waste water into the water table and we would only be allowed to use the water at night. Those requirements were costed out at over \$400K. The second option investigated was an array of spear points in the area between the 5th and 13th fairways. Advice from Water NSW regarding the use of groundwater resulted in the Club having to buy water from an existing Water License holder. They advised that the last sale of water was priced at \$6K per mega litre. Our requirements would be around 10 Giga litres so the cost of buying water was considered too great, coupled with the additional cost of the spear points and pump station of around \$30K and the ongoing cost of the Water License and water. Lastly, the deepening of the dam on the 6th was looked at. We have sought quotes and have received just one to date, and I will keep you informed on this option as we receive more info.

In many of the previous Newsletters, there has been the promise of the on-line booking system for Wednesday and Saturday Competitions. I am very pleased to say that it is to be introduced from 01 April this year, and no it's not an April fool's joke. Those of you that have provided the Club with your email address will shortly receive an email from Slice with a logon and password. We will be attaching a link on the Muree Golf Club website to direct you to the on-line booking system where you can enter your logon and password and then put your name into the time sheet. As alluded to earlier, you can also put in the names of your playing partners. A hand out will be available from the Pro Shop later in the month that will provide step by step information on the process. For those that do not have access to the web, there is a consul set up in the foyer of the Club (just inside the main door), for use and lastly, if you find this all too difficult, you can approach the staff in the Pro Shop and they will assist you with placing a booking.



GUY MARKS
CARPET CLEANING





Just a friendly reminder that at the end of this financial year, playing voucher points will be deleted. In last Decembers Newsletter you were advised that this was to occur so I have included the info from that Newsletter for those that did not get a copy.

“There is currently an outstanding liability held by the Club of over \$30,000.00 on golfing vouchers in the Pro Shop. Both our previous and current accountants have advised the Board and Management to discharge this sum, or keep it to a manageable amount. Put in simple terms, golfing members that have accrued winnings on their membership card over the past four or so years are being asked to clear their accounts annually. There is no simple way of doing this other than using your accrued amounts to purchase merchandise from the Pro Shop and or using it to pay for next year’s fees, but this must be discharged by 30 June 2017. Amounts accrued after 31 March 2017 will be allowed to be carried until June 2018. We understand that this is a sensitive issue for some, consequently if you have any questions relating to this decision, please contact the General Manager during business hours to discuss options. Amounts held on the system that have been accrued over the past years will be deleted as at 30 June 2017, with the above caveat on amounts accrued after 31 March 2017.”

COURSE NEWS

The heat from the summer appears to have subsided for the time being and we are enjoying good rain and perfect growing conditions for the course. The Course’s survival over the summer months has been due to the unrelenting work of our Course Superintendent, his staff and the band of volunteers as well as some very timely rain during those sweltering months.

The Tree Committee has a new member since the resignation of the Anne Redman. Kathy Dray has joined the team. Prior to Kathy joining the team, a second report was approved by the Board which will be placed onto the website once it’s signed. The second report covers the removal of a range of trees that have died or are dying or have become dangerous to neighbours, staff and players. There are also a few trees that are being removed as they will cause problems down the track with course management. We thank Anne for her input into the initial report on this sensitive issue.

The irrigation system in some areas of the course is well over 30 years old and the fairway watering system which is also well over 20 years old is reaching the end of its economical life. Our Course staff are constantly repairing the present system which takes them away from the normal day to day tasks. Over the next five years the Club will have to make a decision on the replacement of the present system which will have a very hefty price tag. More on this subject in later additions.

The greens were cored last week and are recovering very well in the present weather conditions. However, the wet weather has also prevented the use of mowers in some of the damp areas of the course. Members driving carts are reminded to use the paths were possible and stay well away from the greens and damp areas.



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