



Muree Golf Club

Newsletter

MUREE NEWS

Your Committee and Management Team

At the Board monthly meeting 28 May 2018, a number of decisions were ratified that will change the playing fees and Club's By Laws. The major change is an increase in the Green Fee from \$6.50 to \$10.00. While this is nearly a 50% increase, the Board saw this as a fundamental requirement to make the use of the course pay for itself. From 01 June, the green fees for 18 holes will be \$10.00 and \$5.00 for 9 holes. In today's economic climate, where wages have stagnated, the Board made the decision not to increase the cost to enter into our competitions, so the cost to enter any 18 hole competition will remain at \$18.00. This decision effects the amount that players can expect to receive for prizes from the competitions. The changes to the By Laws have occurred as a consequence of the reduced in the amount of competition fee and increase in green fee.

Another of the changes involves the Monthly Medal stroke round that is generally played on the first Saturday of the month. The Stroke competition will be changed to a Stableford round, however the Monthly Medal will still be part of the competition. Those players wishing to compete for the Monthly Medal will be required to play out every hole and record their stroke score for each hole (no wipes). The monthly Medal winner will be the best nett stroke score for each grade on the day, the remaining prizes will revert to the Stableford score, 2nd place will be the best Stableford score for that grade and 3rd the next best Stableford score. This change has been brought about by persistent requests to the Board to reduce the number of Stroke rounds and the reduction in the playing field when Muree holds a Stroke round. This will also to commence from 01 June 2018.

The decisions made by the Board and Match Committee are implemented by our staff, they are not staff decisions, so if you have an issue with these decisions, please raise it with a member of the Board or Match Committee. There have been instances where members have taken our Pro Shop and Administration staff to task on Club and Competition Play decisions and this practice is to cease. I ask that you treat the staff members with respect and dignity while they do their job looking after you. Members that verbally abuse our staff can expect to be brought in from of the Board to be disciplined. If you do not have time to take your issue to the Match Committee or a Board member, please use the email address Muree Match Committee to register your matter. EMAIL: mureematch@gmail.com

On the development front, the Club has had meetings with a real estate fund manager company and are presently considering the option of a joint venture. The project control group (PCG) has had positive discussions and I am hopeful that this opportunity comes to fruition as it takes a considerable amount of risk away from the Club. I will keep you posted.





Membership is now due and the promotions for Club membership that were offered last year are being offered again. That is, new full playing members can join immediately and get 13 months for the price 12 months. Members can also “introduce a mate,” (again, full playing) for \$150.00. As was the case last year, the total amount of the two memberships can be shared which will reduce the cost of the two memberships to \$375.00.

Our Ladies won the Division 3 District Pennants last week beating Belmont at Nelson Bay to secure the Pennant. There were six rounds and the team was made up of seven players, although there eight players that played for the team. The team was Lorraine O’Connor, Karen Clark, Wendy Cotton (Captain), Yvonne Sullivan, Helen Chapman, Kathy Dray, Anne Redman and Vicki Parker. The team was also supported by the Ladies Division 4 players Vivienne O’Keefe, Kay Scully, Clare Lee and Carol Brown. Congratulations to the Ladies Pennant team for a well-deserved win. The Ladies are now promoted to Division 2 next season.

Masters Senior Pennants commenced on Sunday 20 May and have been successful in their two encounters with Newcastle and Toronto.

The Rules of Golf are changing, and some quite significant changes are occurring 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. I have attached 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. However, it must be stressed that these changes do not come into play until 01 January 2019.

<https://www.rules.golf/>

The use of privately owned carts on Muree at no cost has been an accepted practice for many years, yet we have members abusing the privilege by driving their carts in places that are restricted or are not designated areas for these vehicles. This practice is to cease as it damages playing areas and areas that are under repair. Members that are observed by Club Staff or Directors will be asked to front the Board to explain their actions.

There has been the odd occasion where groups of players have combined to create playing groups larger than four members. This practice is to cease. The Starter (Pro Shop), has the authority to allow playing groups of greater than four, by taking into consideration all aspects of play.





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