



From the Captain – Brian Wasley

Club Championships

The first round of this year's Club, Junior, Veteran and Minor Championships will commence Saturday 4 February. As in previous years the first two rounds can be played in either the morning or afternoon field, however the final two rounds for all players in the Club and Junior Championship on 12 February and 18 February will be played in the afternoon.

The final round of the Veterans and Minor Championships on 18 February for the leading 8 players plus ties will be in the afternoon field with a draw prepared for each Division.

Please review the entry conditions located on the notice board in the Clubhouse. The Golf Shop staff will be on hand to assist with correct entry into this year's Championships.

Good luck to all members participating in this year's Club Championships.

W.J. Dawson Trophy

Last Sunday the W.J. Dawson Mixed Foursomes Championship was held involving both a gross and a nett competition. Congratulations to Sue Shannon and John Vidovic on winning this year's event with a gross score of 81. Sue and John won by 1 shot from Claire Whitehead and Nick Shortis. Kim Maybery and John Spicer played excellent golf to win the nett event with 69.5. The winning strategy... Kim gave the instruction and John listened! Given the hot conditions on the day it was a great effort by all players as there was not one cancellation. Support for this event was much appreciated.

Increased Member Support

On Wednesday it was great to see increased member and guest attendance at Green Acres. The popular Wednesday Men's competition had a field of 209 players which Dan Cromie reported was the best field he had seen since joining Green Acres. This was then backed up with over 60 people attending the Twilight Nine & Dine for a very enjoyable evening.

Weekly Results

Saturday 28 January – Stableford

A – David Matotek	(13) 40pts
B – John Dickinson	(18) 42pts
C – Graeme O'Shea	(23) 39pts

Sunday 29 January – Medley Par

A – John Hongmung	(7) +5	
B – Anne P Smith	(23) +2	C/B

Monday 30 January – Stableford

A – Kim Hamilton	(18) 42pts
B – Gavin Morton	(20) 43pts

Wednesday 1 February - Stableford

A – Serge Sabbadini	(12) 39pts	
B – John Fowler	(21) 40pts	C/B
C – Brian Hope	(26) 40pts	

Thursday 2 January – Ladies Stableford

A – Wendy Hall	(23) 38pts	C/B
B – Gail Claringbould	(30) 38pts	C/B
C – Heather Blight	(44) 37pts	C/B

From the Course Superintendent – Mat Poultney

Growth regulators have again been applied to roughs and primary roughs, with another application to follow in mid February, which will be the last application for the growing season and allow the height of cut to be raised mid March.

The recent warmer weather has promoted regular growth on the fairways with all fairways receiving a nitrogen/iron fertiliser mix.

The concrete slab for the new practice nets has cured and the nets will be installed this week along with the turf for the pro teaching area and native plants for the surrounds.

From The Rule Book

On the 6th hole, Alan's ball lies just inside the hazard line with a clear shot to the green. There is a small fallen branch interfering with his stance. That branch, while not touching the ground inside the hazard, does extend over the hazard line.

Alan removes the branch, plays his shot to the green and two putts for par.

Did Alan proceed correctly?

Answer over page

From the Ladies

Thank you to all the lady members who attended President's Day contributing to a most successful opening to the golfing year. Congratulations to all winners on the day.

A reminder to all ladies to check the notice board for entry sheets to the Club Championships, Captain's Knockout and Round Robin. We encourage all to participate. The Eclectic, Green Acres Challenge and Gobblers competitions commence on Tuesday 7 February.

Summer Cup

Congratulations to Anne Knight who won the Summer Cup with a score of 123. The runner up was Tatiana Stratford.

Summer Eclectic

Cheryl Grieve won Best Gross, Anne Knight won Best Nett 'A' grade and Helen McGuinness won Best Nett 'B' grade.

From the Golf Operations Manager – Dan Cromie

The February edition of the Golf Shop email has been sent out to all members. The email includes upcoming events, Golf Shop specials, golf tips, and new product arrivals. If you did not receive the email please contact the Office on 9859 1294 so that we may check your email address against our records.

NEW Lavazza Pod Vending machine

Members are advised that a Lavazza coffee vending machine has just been installed in the Golf Shop. As a complimentary offer FREE coffees and hot chocolates are available for all members during the first week of operation commencing from today.

New Arrival – Ladies FootJoy Attitude Gloves \$29.95

Constructed with an adjustable strap to improve palm fit and comfort, these new gloves are elasticized with mesh to create a cool, breathable comfort while improving fit and flexibility. They have been constructed with Digital Tac™ Response leather to provide maximum grip and control.

New Arrival – Men's FootJoy Street Golf Shoes \$129.00

This fashionable shoe is made with full grain leather to offer outstanding waterproof comfort, breathability, and durability. The extra thick sole provides superb cushioning for long lasting comfort. The FJ Street also comes with a one year waterproof warranty.

From The President - John Spicer

Items of interest from this week's Board meeting include:

- The Treasurer reported that net profit for the five month's year to date was in line with budget.
- There has been a very positive response to the voluntary Debenture offer and the Club is well placed to achieve the maximum total amount of \$1m before the 31 March 2012 closing date. Members interested in taking up this offer should contact the General Manager, Ian Robertson.
- Following CPI brewery price increases from 1 February, the price of draught and light beer will increase by 10c but will still remain 10c below the recommended retail price.
- The Clubhouse redevelopment project continues to proceed on time, and importantly, on budget with works due to be completed in August.
- The Practice Putting Green is progressing well and is scheduled to open on 20 February.
- 17 new members have joined the club in the first six months of the year against an annual budget figure of 40 new members. Any assistance that members can take to introduce new members to the Club will be greatly appreciated.
- A minor modification to the Club's logo, has been made to provide a geographical indication of where Green Acres is located by including reference to Kew. The changes will be progressively rolled out over the coming weeks.
- It was decided to have a Members Open Forum night on Monday 19 March to provide members with an update on Club matters and to obtain feedback from members on issues of interest.
- The Board will hold a Strategic Planning Meeting, facilitated by member Tim Corcoran, on Saturday 21 April 2012.

Answer from The Rule Book

No. Rule 23-1 states that except when both the loose impediment and the ball lie in or touch the same hazard, any loose impediment may be removed without penalty. When the margin of a lateral water hazard is defined by a line on the ground, the line itself is in the lateral water hazard. The margin of a lateral water hazard extends vertically upwards and downwards. Penalty for breach of rule: Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes