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From the Captain – Brian Wasley

Christmas Day

Following the widely reported hailstorm and rain on Christmas Day the course was once again affected by the rise in the level of the river. Whilst this is frustrating, costly and disruptive it is pleasing to report that course works recently undertaken minimised the damage and subsequent loss of play for members.

Course Management and Strategy

In relation to 2012 we have stated that on course our main focus will be to improve the greens and surrounds. An initial course management meeting has been held with a review of the Green Acres Turf Grass Policy. We will provide a detailed member's update in February following the next Course Sub-Committee meeting which is to be held in early February.

Men's Pennant

We are very pleased to announce that Graham Douglas will be the Pennant Manager for the Men's team for the coming year and Oren Golvan will continue as Team Captain. We would really appreciate increased member support and interest for the 2012 season in Division 3 beginning 1 March 2012.

Of Course you know...

Eddie's drive over the billabong at the 7th just clears the water and stays in the hazard. On reaching the ball he finds it lying with a tall tuft of grass some forty centimetres behind it, and a small twig, one centimetre to the side of it.

In playing his shot Eddie's club brushes the tuft of grass behind the ball and makes contact with the small twig, before striking the ball. The shot finishes three metres from the flag and Eddie holes the putt for a birdie. Eddie is unsure about his second shot and seeks a ruling from his marker.

What is the ruling?

- Eddie's score stands.
- Eddie is penalized two shots for grounding his club in a hazard.
- Eddie is penalized two shots for moving a loose impediment with his club.

Answer over page

Weekly Results

Saturday 31 December – Stableford

A – David Nobes	(13) 43pts	
B – Bill Somerville	(18) 40pts	C/B
C – Ian Pawsey	(23) 38pts	C/B

Sunday 1 January – Medley Stableford

A – Matthew Brown-Greaves	(4) 42pts	
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Monday 2 January – Medley Par

A – Terry McMahon	(22) +5	
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Tuesday 3 January – Ladies Stableford

A – Pam Grierson	(28) 37pts	
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Wednesday 4 January – Stableford

A – Tim Simpson	(12) 38pts	
B – Russel Gianoli	(20) 46pts	
C – John Fowler	(22) 38pts	C/B

Thursday 5 January – Ladies Stableford

A – Alma Ross	(22) 41pts	
B – Ineke McInerney	(26) 38pts	C/B
C – Margaret Mark	(45) 34pts	C/B

From the Golf Operations Manager – Dan Cromie

New Green Acres Logo Hats and caps are now available in the pro shop in a wide variety of colours. Also new range of Sporte' Leisure and Greg Norman shorts are in stock at a great price.

Golf tip for the week – Golf Posture

The second most important golf fundamental is posture. How you stand over the ball influences both distance and direction. To get into good posture, start by placing your feet shoulder-width apart and stand up straight with your chin up, not tucked. Now, bend where the waist connects to the hips. As you bend over, your back should remain straight and your bottom will be out, not tucked under or in a sitting position. The key is to tilt the upper body until the shoulders are over the middle of the shoes - this is about a forty-five degree angle. The knees will be slightly flexed and your weight will be on the balls of your feet. Your arms will hang directly under your chin, which will always put you the proper distance from the ball.

From the General Manager – Ian Robertson

We hope that members have enjoyed a restful and happy festive season and 2012 has started well for you all.

Syllabus and Revised Dress Code

The 2012 syllabus can be collected from the Golf Shop. The syllabus also contains a revised Dress Code and a specific Dress Code brochure is also available in the Golf Shop. We ask that all members read the revised Dress Code thoroughly and abide by the standard of dress that is required particularly in regards to the types of shorts, the appropriate wearing of golf shirts and the sock types that are permitted to be worn.

Snake Sightings

The sighting of snakes over the past few weeks has become more frequent and members are reminded to be vigilant whilst out on the course particularly when entering likely areas where there is long thick grass and dense under growth. If you have to enter these areas to retrieve or search for a golf ball please carry a golf club and be alert that snakes may be about.

Clubhouse Series 1 Debenture Offer & ASF Project Certification

Prior to the Christmas break members would have received our Clubhouse Redevelopment Series 1 Debenture offer together with our certified ASF donation registration information. This investment opportunity and donation information has already received great support from members with some significant applications having been lodged. If members have any questions on the information matter sent to them they are asked to contact the General Manager, Ian Robertson either by email at ian.robertson@greenacresgolf.com.au or at the Club Office on 9859 1294.

Members with Accredited Rules Training

The Club via Golf Victoria is updating its records as to ascertain members who are Club and/or State Level golf rules accredited. In contacting Golf Victoria it was discovered that the records held by Golf Victoria on Green Acres members accredited in golf rules are out of date and have not been updated for some time. Members who are accredited at a Club and/or State level are requested to contact our Office Staff to advise of their accreditation so that we may update these records.

Club and State Level Rules Accreditation Training

Golf Victoria recently circulated Clubs advising of their 2012 Club and State Level Rules Education

Program. There are ten dates available commencing in early March through to November 2012 where members may register with Golf Victoria to attend a Club Rules Education workshop and undertake an examination to become accredited. There are another two dates June and October where members seeking to become State Accredited in golf rules may attend workshops and a further two dates in the same months to attend examinations. Members are encouraged to participate in the Golf Victoria rules accreditation program and may read more detail on the process by going to the Club website and clicking on Club Communications or by reading the information posted on the notice board at the front of the temporary clubhouse.

Course Protective Screens

An unfortunate incident occurred on New Years Day when a lady member was hit by an errant golf shot played from the men's 15th tee. The incident occurred quite freakishly in that the lady member was standing behind the protective screen provided at the ladies tee when she bent forward to pick up a golf ball that she had dropped and at that precise moment a heeled tee shot played from the men's tee hit her on the shoulder and deflecting, striking her in the lower jaw. The injury caused light bruising to the shoulder, but inflicted a deep laceration to her lower jaw requiring stitches, damaging teeth and causing deep bruising to the jaw and cheek area. This incident and the freakish timing and way in which accidents can easily occur is a timely reminder that the protective nets/screenings that are provided on the course must be used to avoid the risks of incidents such as this occurring.

From the Course Superintendent – Mat Poultney

The new practice putting green turf is starting to mat down well and has already received three cuts. A light top dressing will occur shortly and the three warm up bays are due to be commenced next week. The fairways have now been scarified and have had an enormous amount of thatch removed with full recover to take two weeks. Please refer to the Golf Shop notice board for the temporary rule regarding the scarified fairways.

Answer from Of Course you know...

(A) Rule 13-4, A club may touch the tuft of grass as long as it does not bear the weight of the club and further that the club may move a loose impediment so long as the downward motion of the stroke has commenced.