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FROM THE CAPTAIN

DOUG'S DIARY

New Handicap System

As you might be aware, golf is aligning handicap systems around the world in 2020 and these changes take effect in Australia in two weeks time. The changes are minimal for us compared to other countries but below is a summary of the main ones. Ben attached a link in his Email and there is a poster with full details on the board in the Members area.

There will be an increase in the GA handicap as the .93 multiplier will be transferred out of the GA Handicap calculation and into the Daily Handicap calculation.

Although maximum handicaps are increasing to 54 in the global system, for now, we will maintain the current daily handicap limits of 36 for men and 45 for women but the Match Committee will monitor this and review.

There is a new "Soft Cap" of 3 strokes - when a GA Handicap reaches 3 strokes above its best point from the previous 12 months, a player's GA Handicap will only be allowed to increase by 50% of the calculated amount from that point.

For all the people that have been achieving 43+ points recently, there is now a "Bonus reduction" in handicap for exceptional scores - Players who score 7+ strokes above their GA Handicap will receive an additional 1 stroke deduction from their GA Handicap.

Representative Teams

Sean Lee will manage the Major Pennant Team again this year and Luke Edgell will captain. We have a few new faces in the squad this year but retain our usual blend of youth and experience so

we wish them well. Their first match is at home to Monash on Sunday 9th February if you want to come down and see plenty of birdies and guys hitting the ball miles!!

There's only experience in Peter Frith's NPIC Team(!) and they kick-off their campaign at Bayview on Monday 3rd February and their home match will be played on Tuesday 18th February.

The Masters Pennant competition doesn't start until the end of April so an update on that will happen nearer the time.

Congratulations to all of the players selected to represent Long Reef

Loving the new 2s competition

A few players have been having 2s on a regular basis but only Corey Battams can claim the honour of having collected for scoring a 2 in all 4 competitions so far available, and picked up over \$70 in vouchers for his \$8 outlay!

Summer Cup

Last Saturday saw the 2nd round of qualifying and conditions certainly tested everybody and the scores reflected that with only 3 people all day beating their handicaps - a very impressive 1 under par round from Matt Saad in the morning and nett 69 and 70 respectively for Matt Pook and Gordon Shiels in the afternoon.

There was no change at the top in A Grade with the leaders all scoring the same but their higher scores brought the field closer together so Ross Bockman still leads going into the final round. Steve Twigg has opened up a 5 shot lead in A Reserve with Phil Blanshard increasing his lead to 4 in B Grade while Barry Collins has a 2 shot lead as he looks to add this to his C Grade Matchplay win a couple of months ago

Doug Campbell

Captain



FROM THE WOMEN



Good golf scores from many of the women. Whilst there is a great deal of run on the course it would be great to see some rain on the course.

Well done to Julia Bowen on 2 very good rounds in the Summer Cup, Megan Symington with 37 points on Sunday, Jane Hagan with 35 pts on Monday and 40 points on Thursday and Karen Smith with 39 points on Tuesday. 9 hole stars were Jan Press on Tuesday with 20 points and Karen Pethybridge and Marg Mullins both with 20 points on Thursday.

In preparation for our Women's Opening Day on January 30 we would ask that all women intending to stay for lunch please pay \$30 at reception or at the bar using your account. It will be a 2 course lunch with table platters of chicken, fish and salads with dessert platters to follow.

We also ask that you pay for the GNSW contribution which are the entry fees for various events. Cost is \$15 for weekday players and \$10 for weekend players. Please note your receipt numbers on the sheet provided in the locker room.

Golf will be \$15 per head -payable at the pro shop on the day. It would be helpful for one team member to pay for all team and collect the card. Golf will be a 4 person Ambrose event. No handicapping of cards.

With Pennant season fast approaching Laura McCahon will run Pennant practice clinics on a Wednesday afternoon at 5:30pm. The cost is \$20 per player and is limited to 8 players. Please contact Laura directly to participate Lmccahon@pga.org.au or via the pro shop.

Many thanks to the women members who have agreed to assist the Rookies who have transferred to membership. Also to those who have offered to walk on a Tuesday with beginners.

Rookie clinics will recommence next week and they will be out on course from Tuesday. Any potential new members who would like to participate in our

program should be directed to the Pro Shop or may collect forms from Reception.

Please keep an eye on the Locker Room Notice Board as we have a lot of activity in the first few months of the golfing calendar.

Barrenjoey Week of Golf in February will require helpers on the 2 days we are hosting.

The GNSW and Club medal will be contested on February 6. You must enter your name on the sheet provided in the Locker Room.

Charity Day on March 26 is in planning stages. Donations of goods for Raffles would be appreciated. Remember the Pink theme for the day with all funds going to Chris O'Brien Lifehouse.

Wendy Millson

Women's Captain



RULES WITH GEORGE



QUESTION: Peter was playing the 11th hole in a Stableford event and had left his buggy well down the hole from the tee after playing the 10th hole. He played his tee shot and his ball hit his buggy, kicking his ball into the rough. Which applies?

- Peter incurs a penalty of one stroke.
- Peter incurs a penalty of two strokes.
- Peter incurs no penalty.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Programme book

(Yes, — the spelling as used!)

As we await the printed Programme book for this year I am reminded that this publication has a history of its own, but more than that is a palm-sized stand-alone history reference booklet of the club and society in general, at any one time. Much of the progress and many of our club's traditions are well tried and tested but equally there have been many changes. These books show when new events were introduced or others just slipped away. In many ways the Programme book is a better record than the Annual Reports. It has always been hard to keep the records of any one year in sync but the Programme book came very close to matching the calendar year.

Now I wish I could say that I can quote from all and any book from the very beginning of the club, 99 years ago, but our collection is not that complete particularly where the men are concerned. Until 1995 two books were printed every year, one for the men and one for the women, who were called Associates until then. The two committees compiled their own fixtures and information for members in a pocket/handbag sized reference book. The Programme book became a combined book at the time of work towards the 5,6, and 7 day categories of membership. In the beginning the men simply called their book — 'Fixtures', but it became much more than that.

A few years ago I searched the books that we do have in the archives to write an article on the changes in Dress regulations over the years. This was from the times when women were not allowed to wear trousers, and men had to wear long socks and then jackets in the clubhouse, through to the two-way fabric stretch discussion! We can also see when a logo was used for the first time on the front of the book and a list of members not only gave contact numbers but also a way for the archives to easily confirm dates of an individual's length of membership and a simple way to check the actual number of playing members in any one year.

The oldest copy of an Associates (Women) Programme to be studied is for the "1950 Season" and following a calendar season it was with a clear beginning, middle and an end. (This book was donated to the club in 2013 by a ninety year old Pat Farley who had been both a member and assistant secretary at the club from 1946-50.) The fixtures show that the summer heat was avoided, at a time

when small bags were carried, and it was long before parasols, batteries, carts and 9-hole competitions.

There were also home duties and children on school holidays to be considered. The season began at the end of March and finished in November and where required, play was organised into just two divisions Silver and Bronze. The Office Bearers are listed but appear without phone numbers, members are not listed, but the LGU programme of events covers several pages for the whole 'season.' For example, it would cost 3 shillings if you wished to play at Manly in March 1950 in the 4BBB Par event. Handicap limit 35. Entries were to be received two weeks ahead by mail. Only four general guiding notes appear in the front of the very thin book, one requests that 'A card should be returned for handicap purposes at least once monthly.'



Jumping ahead to the oldest copy of the Club's (Men's) 1963-64 "Fixtures" book we have in the archives (donated by Les Browne); its general content is brief but it has similarities to the book of 2019. It runs a full year from March to March. It is a source of all sorts of information with clear declarations of dos and don'ts from the Club rules, Etiquette, Major trophies, Etiquette, Reciprocal clubs and the Bowls section of the club. As the club changed so did the content. What is different is this 60s book is that the fixtures are only printed on the left hand side of the pages, leaving a complete page blank for notes, times and who you were to play with. The fixtures list also includes the trophy donors for all the Saturday events. As examples on the 6 April 1963 the Monthly Medal trophy was donated by R. Parnell. On 17th August Vic Cropper had put his name on the list to supply the trophy for the Hudson Shield. On October 12th 1963 in the Stableford event it was R. C. Burke's turn. (For those of us who have been here a while we know that all these men went on to hold executive positions on the club committee.)

There are also words of wisdom to be noted in the front of the 1972-73 men's March to March Programme book written nearly fifty years ago. It was when A. F. Kinley was President, the club had three Vice Presidents, R. Cordaiy, J.O. Williams, and

R. J. Tilbrock. The Captain was H. V. Cropper. It doesn't say who composed it.

“GOLF

Golf is game which depends a great deal on tradition and long custom for its charm. It follows quite naturally that a Golf Club is a conservative institution. This conservatism should extend to the choice of dress and generally in the standard of conduct on the Course and in the Clubhouse.

It cannot be over-emphasised that the fundamental Rule is consideration to one's fellow member.

The status of a Golf Club may be judged by the etiquette of its members. It is always better to give a point rather than to take one.”



By the mid 90's when the combined book was prepared we can see that it includes other sections of helpful information, as well as the items listed above. You are told just how your guests should behave, when you can buy a drink from the bar or what the caterers had to offer. The Billiard room rules were to be followed and Locker room security standards be up-held. For outside you were told the extent and management of the Practice areas. New topics had arrived, such as how Complaints were to be handled and the Rights of Membership. The Handicap division, rules and method of alterations were to be studied! As with previous Associates book it was also a quick way of checking the Pennant team matches for dates and venues.

The modern book includes colourful advertisements and for more than a decade a colour photo has appeared on the cover. We may be moving closer and closer to every part of the club being 'on line,' but it would certainly be a shame to lose this very 'in your hand' easy to use and informative reference book. It is a very worthy publication, especially for new members and a valuable historical record for the old ones!

Sandra Mellowes

BRIDGE CLUB



After a break of four weeks the Bridge Club opened the 2020 season on 8th January with a Pairs competition.

N/S

1st Joan Rutherford/Mary McAdam

2nd Elaine Luscombe/Judy O'Brien

3rd Toni Pfafflin/Helen Crott

E/W

1st Jan Herringe/Jean Kirk

2nd Jean Morey/Christine Macnicol

3rd Margaret Verrills/Helen Gunther

RULES WITH GEORGE



ANSWER: c is correct (Rule 11.1a applies).

If a player's ball in motion accidentally hits any person or outside influence 'There is no penalty to any player'. This is true even if a player's ball hits the player, an opponent, or any other player or any of their caddies or equipment. As a result it applies in both Stroke Play and Match Play.



MEMBER INCENTIVE

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