



Newsletter

Summer 2018

Well another year has passed and we are back to the summer edition of the club's newsletter.

Completed form with payment of fees

To those members who are paying the balance of their annual subscriptions now, please provide the completed form so that the admin folk can keep track of who has paid and of any changes in contact details. Ask at the pro shop for the form.

Social functions It sure has been a busy time socially with many parties leading up the Christmas festive season. Those who attended the Melbourne Cup function had a great time and here is Gavin in full flight in his best auctioneer's voice for the Calcutta auction.



Keith, as usual, did an excellent job in organising the event which required many aspects to all come together in a timely way. Some wag took a picture of Keith Fraser with his lookalike little helper? Would the real Keith please stand up.



He was ably assisted by John Young and Jeremy White who sold the sweeps and raffle tickets and

Garry Ronco on the computer doing the calculations for prizes.

Thanks go to Tina and Nicole for arranging the delicious food.

Brian Allen did the best on the day gambling wise by buying the winning horse and Tony Lynch followed up last year's win with a second placing this year. Brian put some money on the bar to shout those who stayed on – many thanks Brian.

The Presentation night was a similarly successful event hosted by the Captain Todd and Vice-captain Keith with music provided by Robbie Bull and associates.



In the same vein, the Ladies and Vets Christmas parties were enjoyed by all who attended.

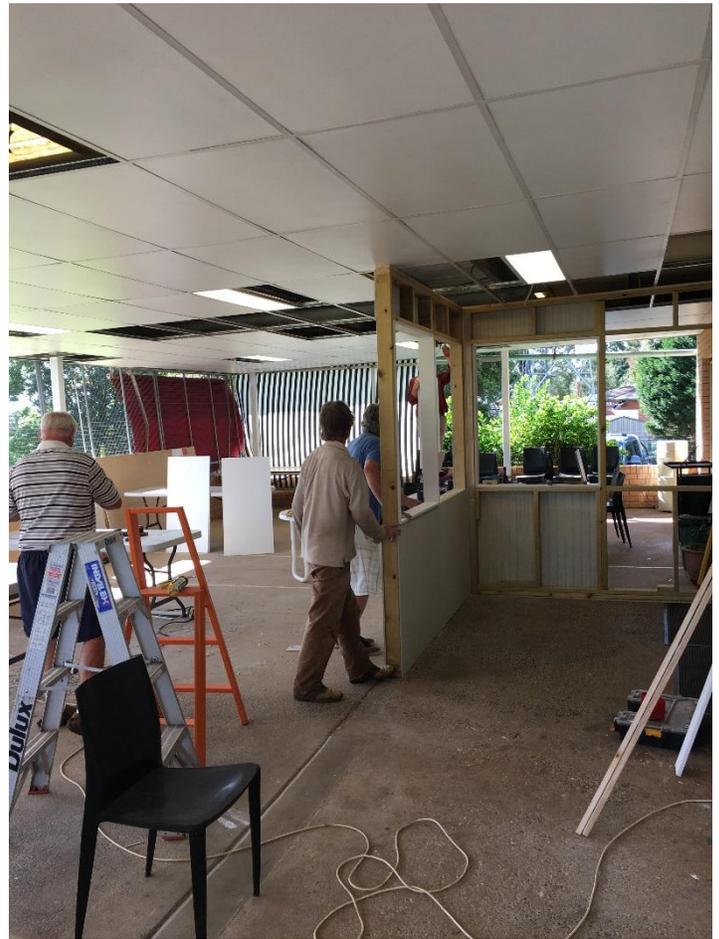
RECENT CHANGES IN THE CLUBHOUSE

By now you would have noticed that the new ceiling has been installed over the BBQ area.

Kev, Tony Jimmy, Andrew, John Staffsmith, and Gavin did most of the work. Thanks to Kevin for coordinating all the work and obtaining the materials for the construction at the right prices.

I ask members to acknowledge that Kevin kindly donated all the materials for the construction of the wall. Over the years Kevin has donated many thousands of dollars in equipment to the club and is our greatest benefactor. Please buy Kev a beer for his generosity when you see him.

The new wall should reduce the effect of the cold winds that blow from the west next winter, allowing the fireplace to do its thing in keeping us all warm.



The committee wants to inform you that floor tiles will be installed over the concrete soon. There might be some disruption while the volunteers do the installation so I ask for your patience if you are at the club during that short period.

New blinds have been installed in the clubhouse windows as the committee progressively upgrades the fixtures as funds allow.

NEWS FROM THE PRO SHOP

Andrew reminds members to complete forms when paying subs etc. at the Pro shop. Forms are available at the counter.

Junior news

Saya and Coco Iritani recently finished 1st and 2nd in their division at the two-day Adam Scott

classic held at Sanctuary Cove with Coco recording her first 'hole in one' on the 16th. Well done and I'm sure that will be the first of many.

Congratulations to Saya for also winning the best under 13 nett in the very recent Greg Norman junior classic which was held over 4 rounds on the Gold Coast. Her hard work is clearly paying off.

Andrew would like to congratulate Nev for finishing the year positioned 8th overall nationally for 2nd year trainees. Well done Nev.

Regards From Andrew and Team

We note that Andrew continues his recuperation now seven weeks post his double hip replacement surgery and we wish him a speedy recovery. Then back to playing golf again! How good will that be?

The new bunker at the third green



Wayne and Jimmy are discussing the finer points of bunker construction. The new design provides more of a feature and will lessen the amount of sand that is blown out of the bunker by the strong westerly winds that blow in early spring.

Golfing cruise to New Zealand in December

Well what a great time we all had. Grahame Kent of Helloworld is planning another trip for 2019 so watch this space as they say. Here is the group waiting for the bus to take us to the Waitangi course at the Bay of Islands.



NEW RULES STARTING JANUARY 1, 2019

On January 1, 2019, we will be operating under the new rules and Golf Australia has developed a series of resources to help you to transition.

Click on these for explanations.

<https://www.golf.org.au/newrules>

<https://www.golf.org.au/newrules#2019localrules>

New rule books are available in the clubhouse.

Play ready golf

Players are both allowed and encouraged to play out of turn in a safe and responsible way, such as when:

1. Two or more players agree to do so for convenience or to save time,
2. A player's ball comes to rest a very short distance from the hole and the player wishes to hole out, or
3. An individual player is ready and able to play before another player whose turn it is to play under the normal order of play in (1), so long as in playing out of turn the player does not endanger, distract or interfere with any other player.

A player should prepare in advance for the next stroke and be ready to play when it is his or her turn. Clearly the new rules, amongst other things, want to speed up play. There is a greater emphasis on honesty now as some of the rules

have been relaxed and the integrity of players will come to the fore.

The new rules of golf summarised

1. Drop from knee height (NOT shoulder height)
2. Measure the area to drop in with the longest club in your bag (except a putter)
3. Drop in and play from the relief area
4. When dropping back-on-the-line, your ball cannot be played from nearer the hole than your chosen reference point
5. Time to search – 3 minutes (NOT 5 minutes)
6. If you accidentally move your ball when searching for it, replace it without penalty
7. No penalty for a double hit – it only counts as one stroke
8. No penalty if your ball hits you or your equipment accidentally after a stroke
9. No penalty if your ball strikes the flagstick when you have chosen to leave it in the hole
10. Spike mark and other shoe damage on the putting green can be repaired
11. Ball accidentally moved on putting green – no penalty and replace
12. Ball marked, lifted and replaced on putting green is moved by wind to another position –replace ball on the original spot
13. Penalty areas replace water hazards, and you can move loose impediments, ground your club and take practice swings in penalty areas without penalty, just as you can on the fairway or in the rough
14. You can't take relief from a penalty area unless you are at least 95% certain your ball is in the penalty area
15. In bunkers you can move loose impediments
16. In bunkers you cannot touch the sand with your club in the area right in front of or right behind your ball, during your backswing or in taking practice swings
17. Free relief is allowed if your ball is embedded on the fairway or in the rough (but "embedded" means that part of your ball is below the level of the ground caused by the ball's impact)
18. Unplayable ball in bunker – extra option to drop outside the bunker for 2 penalty strokes
19. You cannot have your caddie or your partner standing behind you once you begin taking your stance
20. Pace of Play - it is recommended that you take no longer than 40 seconds to make a stroke (and usually you should be able to play more quickly than that) and Ready Golf in stroke play is encouraged

New local rules board

Captain Todd is reviewing the local rule board in the light of the new rules and a replacement board will be installed soon highlighting rules that apply specifically to TMGC.

Please note the new local rule introduced recently allowing relief from piles of pine cones and pine needles that have been piled up at the bases of trees. Note the emphasis on "piled up".

Regards and all the best for Christmas to you and your families, and of course - HAPPY GOLFING.

See you on the course one day.

Leon Radunz

President

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Under the regulations of the Office of Fair Trading the management committee is required to inform the membership that the club has a public liability insurance cover of \$10 million.