

## MATCH NEWSLETTER 17 January 2021

Well the new year has started, and Match thought it was important to keep in touch with what's going on with the competitions over the next few weeks and what is changing this year with the game at our club.

As we are now aware this year could be a continuation of last year with the disruptions Covid-19 could cause with playing golf at our club. It is important to remember that last year staff and the committees worked tirelessly to ensure all members got to play, in one form or another, this year may prove to be no different so please be patient and we will try to keep all members as well informed as we possibly can about what's going on.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my match committee and subcommittees, I would like to thank them in advance for everything they will do this year especially the time and energy they will put into ensuring everyone gets a game.

Also, a big thank you to all our sponsors this year.

There will be a lot happening over the next year, this will include an extensive review of all the course boundaries and the marked areas on each hole and whether they need to change, e.g. penalty areas and out of bounds areas. Also, the stableford index for each tee (red, white, blue and orange) will be reviewed and changed where necessary.

Currently the red/black tees are for the ladies, white/blue are for the men, this year all tees will be rated, for Par and Slope for everyone, men and women just like our orange tees. This will mean for example on Tuesday instead of having the white and red tees next to each other for senior's day, everyone can play off the red tees and still have a men's and ladies' competition and have it be handicapped appropriately.

A review of when to reintroduce rakes, touch flags and return the Nearest to the Pins will come on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

This year will also see changes to the Ladies grades for the 2021 Monthly Medals, they will be:

**A Grade** - +9 to 20, **B Grade** – 21 to 29 and **C Grade** – 30 to 45.

The men's Saturday Grades/Divisions changed a few months ago as well, they are:

**A Grade** - +9 to 12, **B Grade** - 13 to 18 and **C Grade** - 19 to 36.

These Grades or Divisions for both the men and ladies will be reviewed again towards the end of the year.

The greens are going to be lightly scarified and have a top dress on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Juniors have started up again with a new Junior Convenor Donald Edwards. Numbers are slowly building, and this year's juniors are full of enthusiasm for the game. A fundraising pinshot for the juniors will be starting on the 6<sup>th</sup> February with a buy in pinshot on the 18<sup>th</sup> green. When you go into the Proshop on this day and pay your comp fee pay an extra \$1 and go into the pinshot for the chance to win 2 dozen golf balls. This pinshot will not replace the existing 18<sup>th</sup> pinshot, it will be an additional pinshot. This pinshot will only be on Monthly Medal days.

A fundraising day is scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> February with the proceeds going to our juniors. The club had a similar day last February with a chipping shootout on 18, music and a BBQ after the game. A great time was had by all so join us this year for a good cause.

Now that we have all had our Christmas break our Saturday numbers are increasing this is a good time to remind members that the Saturday competition at the club is for members only, reserving of spots is not allowed and if a visitor wishes to play on Saturday they must wait until the morning of the competition to see if there are any spaces available.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> February the RACE TO WARARBA will start for the year. Just a reminder, the race is for all full financial male members at the club to rank their consistency as a golfer within the club membership. All men who compete in a Saturday competition at the club between the 6<sup>th</sup> Feb and the 6<sup>th</sup> Nov will go into the Order of Merit rankings. However, to be eligible to win points at the end of the race a buy in of \$10 or 1000 points must be paid to the Proshop and you must register your name. FYI last year's winner Zac Evans received 19800 points. See Condition of Play for more details.

This week the Ladies Committee will decide whether to have their own Order of Merit for 2021. TBA.

Remember, when the Order of Merit starts, results can be seen in the My Information page on the web site.

The Patron Shield and the Wararba Shield qualifiers will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> February (men's Monthly Medal played the same day). Both are single Match Play events where handicaps are applied, and the top 16 men and top 8 (possibly 16) ladies who qualify will compete. On the day of the competition all members who wish to qualify MUST put a clearly visible 'Q' on their card OR if you use MiScore a form to fill out will be available in the proshop, simply fill it out with the details required and place it in the box provided. Remember the Wararba Shield is the ladies single Match Play Honour Board event for the year.

On Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> January the 9-hole Friday Muster will start for the year.

Club Fixtures Book will be available at the end of the week \$3 each.

It's come to my attention that some members don't know where the Eagles Nest, Silver Circle and the Eclectic come from or how they are paid for, we all notice that they are never the same amounts and change each time they are paid out.

Each competition has an amount of balls that are allocated to be distributed into the prizes for the day, these include nearest the pins, eagles' nest, eclectic and the ball rundown. 1 ball is worth 500 points.

Eagles Nest – Each competition on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday contributes 1 or 2 balls to the eagles' nest total (2 balls if over 200 players play that day) this amount adds up each competition. When an eagle is achieved by a member, 25% of the total goes to the player. Example: Eagles nest total is 20 balls, 25% is 5 balls so 2500 points goes to the player and the eagles nest total becomes 15 balls. The amount paid is the same no matter how many eagles happen on that day.

Silver Circle - 10cents for every player who plays on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday goes into the silver circle total, this amount adds up each competition. When a player achieves a silver circle the player gets 20% of the silver circle total. Example: \$250.00 is in the silver circle total, 20% is \$50 so 5000 points goes to the player and the silver circle total becomes \$200.00. The amount paid is the same no matter how many silver circles happen on that day. A silver circle is a nearest to the pin within 45cm of the flag.

The eclectic is the players lowest gross score on each hole throughout the eclectic season, this score goes to make up an 18-hole scorecard of the players lowest gross score, then half (50%) of the players G.A handicap is subtracted to give a players best nett score, the eclectic winners are based on the best nett result. Each Tuesday 1 ball goes into the senior's eclectic. Each Thursday 1 ball goes into the lady's eclectic. Each Saturday 1 or 2 balls go into the men's eclectic. These amounts accumulate throughout the season. Eclectic results can be seen in the My Information page on the web site.

These are the days games that contribute to your eclectic:

Seniors eclectic – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021, every Tuesday.

Ladies eclectic – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021, every Thursday and Saturday.

Men's Eclectic – Every Monthly Medal from January to December (12 games contribute).

Eclectic, eagles' nest and silver circles are for MEMBERS ONLY.

Hope this clears it up a little!

Match Director  
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