

AUGUST NEWSLETTER FROM THE MATCH COMMITTEE

Well, it's been an interesting few months and the next few may prove to be a bit of a challenge going forward. Unfortunately, rain delays, COVID restrictions and lockdowns have seen quite a few events rescheduled and two events have been cancelled so far. There is no telling how long the current restrictions will last or if the current restrictions for playing golf laid down by Queensland Health and Golf Australia will last.

Please remember we all have to do the right thing or we can be very easily shut down by the powers that be and this was made very clear to us all recently when we had to shut the doors for 8 days. I would like to thank the members for following the No Golf restrictions during those 8 days; it was tough on some members not to be able to play.

We still have some major events coming up and in an ideal world we would get them all finished. The match committee is determined to see as much through as possible before the end of the year.

The story so far is:

- August Monthly Medal for the Women and the Men have been cancelled and the
- Men's and Women's Foursomes Championship has been postponed again
- 4BBB Matchplay is still progressing slowly with the hope to still achieve a result for the Honour Board as this event was cancelled last year (2020) it would be nice to finish this one

As much as we have a way forward there is one point I would like us all to remember and that is we must see the successful completion of the Men's, Senior Men's and Junior Boys Championships. ***These events above all take priority over every other event that is left in this year's playing calendar.***

Going forward this is the current summary of events:

DATE	EVENT
28 th August 2021	Men's Semi Finals and Women's Finals 4BBB Matchplay
4 th September 2021	1 st Round Men's Club Championship & Men's Monthly Medal
11 th September 2021	2 nd Round Men's Club Championship
18 th September 2021	3 rd Round Men's Club Championship (Seeded Draw)
23 rd September 2021	Women's Monthly Medal
25 th September 2021	Final Round Men's Club Championship (Seeded Draw) and Newbattle Cup
30 th October 2021	Men's and Women's Foursomes Championship

The Men's Championships are important therefore it is necessary to have in this year's Conditions of Play contingencies for any possible interruptions, restrictions, or lockdowns. Some of these are things are:

- The dates at this time are not set in stone and will change if needed.
- If the C/ships need to be reduced by 1 round they will.
- If a 2nd round seeded draw needs to be introduced, it will be.

The dates for the Men's Matchplay Championship will be as scheduled in the current fixtures, however, if they need to be cancelled due to rescheduling of the championships they will be.

We are trying to keep all members as informed as possible so please make a habit of checking the web site, Facebook, your booking reminders, and the notice boards regularly.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Conditions of Play for the Men's, Senior Men's and Boy's Championships will be released soon, please take the time to read them.

GREENS RENOVATIONS

Greens renovations are scheduled for the 18th and 19th October.

FLAG POSITIONS

You would have noticed the Flags at the club are now all the same colours (Yellow and Black check). This change is here to stay and to make the transition easier, a Daily Pin Sheet has been put together and there are 3 likely sequenced pin positions for the day's game.

The sheet reads the very basic **Front, Middle** and **Back** positions of each flagstick, and when playing the hole **Left** and **Right** positions can be clearly seen. This is designed for the players who don't use a GPS or a Range Finder. A Daily Pin Sheet is available from the Proshop.

WOMEN IN GOLF

Another change at the club and the game is that Ladies will now be known as Women. This is in keeping up with the Women in Golf agenda Golf Australia is promoting.

SLOW PLAY

The slow play policy monitoring has been continuing and I have to say players on Saturday are doing an admirable job. Longer Spring days are helping as well. Course marshalling has been an interesting time with most players being very positive in their reaction to seeing someone out there who is taking an interest.

LANGUAGE ON COURSE

There have been reported incidents of excessively loud and quite nasty swearing by some players. Golf is a game that sometimes seems to require the use of a few interesting words. I jokingly tell players it should be in the Rules of Golf. Seriously please remember that you're in public, you can be seen and heard and often by more than just your own group and once it's out there it can't be taken back.

RULES OF GOLF

Also, I'm getting members question the way some players are playing the game. We love to socialise with our group, however when you pay your \$16 to enter the day's competition the rules of the game you are playing under must be followed in fairness to everyone.

For example - when playing a stableford or stroke competition, there are no 'gimmes' and all penalties must be counted. It has been described as 'competition golf under social rules'. ***There is no such thing in competition play.***

Remember that as a marker, if you don't agree with what you are seeing you always have the option to question it during and after the game. Find a Match Committee member or go to the Proshop for any clarification needed. Remember the Rules of Golf are available on the MiScore App as are the Local Rules (MiScore App – Menu – Local Rules or Rules of Golf).

MATCH COMMITTEE

Ever thought of joining the Match Committee? If you have let me know. But here are a few things to keep in mind. Being on the Committee is not about you and your agenda. It's about what will work for the majority of members and making the tough decisions in the best interest of the game and the club. It's about planning every game and the course needed for that game a year in advance. But most of all it's about the people and the challenges they throw at you every day and the hours of work you will put in. Sorry if I scared you. That said, it can be quite rewarding when things go to plan.

Let me know if you are interested.

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