



NEWSLETTER



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Dear Members, Upcoming Events

AGM – Monday 13th October

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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
						1 Monthly Medal Eclectic & Putting		2 Stableford		3		4 Monthly Medal Monthly Medal Eclectic & Putting	
5 W/C Stroke		6 Green coring		7 Green coring		8 3 P Gentsomes 1<20 h'cap min. 4 drives ea		9 Stableford		10		11 Greenkeepers Revenge Stableford Stableford	
12 W/C Stableford		13		14 Stableford		15 Par		16 Par		17		18 Gentsomes 4BBB Stableford Stableford	
19 W/C Par		20		21 Par		22 Stableford		23 Stroke		24		25 Holt Shield 4BBB Mens & Mixed Stableford	
26 W/C Stableford 3rd 2 Swan Cup to be completed		27		28 Stableford		29 Stableford		30 Stableford		31			

Captains Report

Hi members, we finally look to emerging from the cold with a few days this month heading into the 20's. The end of September also means footy finals, so good luck to those lucky enough to support a team still alive! And if you haven't already sorted yourself out for Grand Final day, find a spot & slot in for the Ambrose. There's an AM & PM shotgun.

Our Monthly Medal winner for August was Chris McGill and September was Ben Longhurst. And our man running on a hot streak was Gavin Little who followed up his Gross match Play win, by taking out the Presidents Cup and also the Stableford 66ers. Well done guys, make sure yourselves along with all other winners are available for Presentation Day in February next year! More details on that will be coming soon.

Mi Club has officially kicked off and appears to be running relatively smoothly but has a few small bugs we are discovering as we go! If you haven't already done so, explore your way through all areas of the App. There's everything you need in there and some more cool stuff, like a live leader board, which will be great for the Clubbies, as the final 4 in each grade complete their closing holes you will be able to track them, just like the Pros on TV from the comfort of the decking as you await them coming up the 18th! You can check your prizes, your stats and even book rounds of golf at other clubs if you're heading off for the weekend. Not to mention the stress this is taking off the boys (now it's running) and our illustrious Treasurer who no longer needs to pull his hair out 😊 You're doing a great job Graeme.

Congratulations to our first winner of the 100 Club, Tony McDonald and other prize winners were Simon James & Ben Longhurst. Draw 2 is well & truly underway, so don't miss out on the chance to win some cold hard CASH 💰

We can't go a month without mentioning the ground staff & our volunteers who without, would just make everything a lot harder. Thank you all.

As we look to next month, there has been a minor change to the Syllabus.

Saturday 4th is the Monthly Medal

Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th the course will be "closed" for coring. These are big days, and many hands make light work. It would be fantastic to see some new faces out there! So, anyone who can afford a few hours, please come out and help make a difference to your course.

Saturday 11th is our first Green Keepers Revenge Day. This will be a non-Hcp round as there will be some degrees of difficulty involved!

Saturday 18th 4BBB Gentsomes

Saturday 25th The Holt Shield

There is one other important announcement. This is a statement from Golf Australia and will affect ALL of Australia!

A system transition from GOLF Link to Golf Australia CONNECT will involve a brief, temporary suspension of handicapping services from September 29 to October 10, 2025. During this time, MiClub users could not run handicapped competitions but could still use MiScore for non-handicapped events. Golfers may see changes to their handicaps after this process due to back-calculation of Daily Difficulty and the implementation of new handicapping rules.

As a result of this all members playing in competitions will use their Hcp as it stands from the 28th of September. We will still be running competitions, but there will be no scores registered or handicapped between September 29 & October 10. So, feel free to play as good or as bad as you like with NO consequences.

Good Golfing, all the best.

Cheers Danny

Hi Members, here are a few local rules you may or may not have come across, but these are your answers

Local Rules Revised (Aug - 2025)

- Cracks in ground.

Relief may be taken from cracks in The General Area if there is interference to the lie of the ball or the area of the players swing under Rule 16.1. There is no relief for stance only.

- Solidly embedded stones.

If your ball lies in the General area and there is interference from solidly embedded stones (i.e. stones that cannot easily be picked out) relief may be taken at the nearest point of complete relief. There is no relief for stance only.

- Animal dung.

At the player's option, dog dung may be treated either as :

A loose impediment that may be removed under Rule 15.1 or

Ground Under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1

- Irrigation Work

All excavation work associated with irrigation system - treated as

Ground Under Repair, relief Rule 16.1.b

- Relief on Greens

If the ball is on the putting surface and there is interference from sprinkler heads, drain holes, artificial hole covers, animal damage, bare patches or repair work, relief may be taken under Rule 16.1a

Damage does not include conditions that result from normal maintenance practices such as aeration holes, irrigation, rain or other natural forces, natural surface imperfections such as weeds, diseased areas or areas of uneven growth, or natural wear of the hole.

If any damage is too severe the Committee could consider declaring it ground under repair.

●Staked trees and trees under two club lengths. (E10) If such a tree interferes with a player's stance or intended swing, relief MUST be taken as per immovable obstruction rule 16.1b. (There is no relief for line of play).

- Roped Off Areas

All roped off areas of the course MUST be treated as an Abnormal Course Condition (GUR) and compulsory relief must be taken in accordance with the procedure in Rule 16.1b

- Garden beds and tree stumps

All garden beds and tree stumps on the course are integral areas of the course, unless marked otherwise. Relief may be taken from shrubs under two club lengths in height inside the garden bed but not from the garden itself. You are not entitled to free relief from tree stumps.

Match Committee

Hi Members,

Our August Monthly Medal winners for August were:

Wednesday - Wendy Lewis with a 70 nett

Saturday - Di Barnett on a c/b from Carol Young with 72 nett

The June Myers plate was played on Wednesday 13th August. This is a par event and was won by Jenny walker with a score of +5

On Saturday 16th August the ladies played the Norma Durham stroke, and this was won by Patriece Shelly with a score of 70 nett

Congratulations and well done to all the winners in August

September Monthly Medal winners for were:

Wednesday - Karin Caple with a 71 nett

Saturday - Gail McInnes with a score of 70 nett

The Medallist of the year was also played off in September and congratulations to Karin Caple, our winner for Wednesday, and Carol Young, our winner for Saturday.

Well done to you both and all winners for September.

The President's Cup was also played on Saturday 13th and 20th of September. This is a stableford event played over two rounds. Congratulations to Judy Cox for winning this event for this year.

The Swan Cup is well on its way so good luck to those players who are still involved.

The ladies have a 'get into golf' program, which started on Sunday at 11am. We had 4 ladies attend. The program will start on Thursdays at 5pm in the next week and have 3 ladies attending at this stage. Hopefully we will be more successful in getting some new members joining our club. If you know any ladies who might be interested in giving golf a go, please let them know of our program. Thanks to Claire, Jacinta and all the ladies who have volunteered their time to help with the clinic.

Our new Mi-Score golf app is well under way. We hope everyone is coping okay with it. If you have any questions, please ask Brodie or Connor in the pro shop.

Good golfing

Ladies committee

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Dear Club/Member,

*A reminder to all members to check the notice board outside the Golf shop for updates on local rules before you go on the course to play.

a) Players need to check in no later than 15 mins before their hit off time. Failure to do so may result in the player losing their tee time

b) Please have the courtesy to ring the pro shop and let them know if you are not going to play.

It is unacceptable to just let a friend know. The pro shop staff need to know, and it is the players responsibility to let them know.

Regards
Match Committee

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