SURFERS PARADISE
GOLF CLUB

MEMBER'S NEWS

General News

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – TROPHY FEE

The Ladies Committee have agreed that the $ 20.00 Trophy Fee which is currently charged on the Annual Subscription Notice for 2017 is to be abolished this year, hence when paying your annual subscriptions please deduct the $ 20.00 fee from the total of your invoice.

SUMMER RULES CEASE

Members and Visitors please be aware that the SUMMER RULES that apply from the 1st October, 2016 will cease as from the Saturday 3rd June, 2017.

Member's Guests & Visitors are reminded that they can't pre book a game on Saturdays before 5.00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the Saturday event. Monthly Medals bookings can only be made on the day of play.

Thank you for your cooperation.

News from the Clubhouse

Hi Everyone,
The volunteers have been very busy over the past few weeks. We pruned and removed secondary growth from trees along the 3rd,4th,11th,12th,14th & 18th.

We have also assisted the GM in preparing the room for Ubet installation.
The trophy cabinet has been removed and trophies will be relocated in the front office in due course.
The upstairs storage room has been cleared of accumulated rubbish and awaits further refurbishment.

Poisoning unwanted weeds on fairways has also been completed.
A huge thank you to the members who have donated money toward the tree removal / replanting program.
A very expensive exercise and one that every dollar raised will be of great assistance.

Until the next newsletter Good Golfing.

News from the Pro Shop

Welcome member to the Pro Shop News. Lots going on around the club as with this great weather why not.

Let me start with our Mens State of Origin comp which went over very well. Duncan Haig was the big winner with 39pts to win $134. Regular Wednesday player Allen Pringle was unlucky on a count back but still picked up $67 for 2nd and John Smart $33.50 for 3rd. All NSW fans received a prize.

Also the next day the NSW ladies in particular Jan Sugg, Vicki Laws and Kay Sylvester got to drive around proudly in their NSW Blue decorated golf carts.

Our Junior girls have been doing some very good things of late. New girl Yuuki Takada being picked in the South Coast Primary Schools team and Claudia Mitchell making the open team.

This week's medal round brought on the rarest of birdies for Mark Boyle on the 18th hole. After an out of bounds tee ball he played 3 off the tee straight down the middle then holed out with his 3 hybrid for a birdie 4!! (I have never heard of that before)

My round of the month for May goes to John Winter. John streeted the field on May 27 to win the C Grade honours with 45 points 8 clear of 2nd place.

US OPEN SALE TILL JUNE 30 COME IN AND GRAB A BARGAIN TODAY!

The Red Tees

Committee News - the secure slot for our Special Event envelopes has to be relocated due to the club's trophy cabinet relocation; it will still be near Reception.

Unfortunately the computer cannot split divisions in team events, therefore in future team events will be played in one division however with prizes to third place and increased NTP's.

The Pro Shop have agreed to transfer ball vouchers from our Thursday presentation report by Friday to your Pro Shop card (thanks Ben).

International Womens' Day on Tuesday 6 June was recognised by WGGC with players being asked to wear Red for a club photo.

The $20 trophy levy on our annual fees was not supposed to be charged, and will be adjusted when you make your payment.

Reminder all Thursday ladies are welcome to play on Saturdays, please fill those empty tee times with an extra round of golf to your week.

Mott Trophy - congratulations to Kelly Crouch winning 3/1 against Wendy Hollis.

Open Day – Thursday 22 June, Texas Stableford, $25 members $35 visitors. Bookings open online Monday 12 June. Payment due Thursday 15 June. Perry Cross will be here to represent Perry Cross Spinal Research Foundation.

Please keep in mind donations are required for Open Day, as well as our Thursday raffles via Pam Lorne-Tait.

Joan Irving Jug - 4BBB Stroke Matchplay knockout, Draw in the Associates Room, and online. Rounds Tue 6 June, Thu 8 June, Tue 13 June and Thu 15 June.

Friendship Cup - Monday 26 June at Sanctuary Cove, team selected from Thursday 1 June results.

Mid Week Pennants - our 4 teams have been announced, uniforms have been issued, matches commence in July.

Nudgee Day - postponed tentatively to October.

45th South Pacific Ladies Open Classic - commencing with an Anniversary Cocktail Party on Saturday 7 October.

Associates Dinner - Friday 1 December, "Colour My World" theme.

Captain's Corner

Hi all.
Well. All seems to be going well.
The winter grass has had a good strike despite the wildlife trying to eat it all before it could grow.

I have noticed quite a few pitchmarks on the greens lately due to the lovely smooth surface. Please repair your pitchmark and while you are down there, fix a couple more. You complain to me when the greens aren't perfect but when they are I need your help to keep them that way.

Pennants is just around the corner.
The sheets are up on the wall now. Name, handicap and shirt size please. We would like to emulate the victory of our div 2 team with more wins. We need a captain for b grade too so let me know if you are keen to take on the challenge.

Bunkers again.... If you are in them..rake them. No more to say. All the players behind you are complaining to me.
Don't make me have to hunt you down.

The course is looking great. The membership is growing. Everything is heading in the right direction.

Get out there and enjoy yourself.

Ben's Tip

Practise like you play and play like you practise. One of the most common complaints from golfers I hear is that they hit the ball perfectly at the range and terrible on the course. When I ask them how they practise it's usually the same, they just hit balls with no purpose and no pressure.

With 80 balls sitting there, no scorecard, no hazards, no pressure that every shot counts and usually hitting the same club over and over it can be easy sometimes to hit great shot after great shot. Unfortunately this is nothing like playing golf and in most cases a waste of your time. Try these tips instead and commit to doing some of them every time you practise.

Play 9 or 18 holes - Every shot counts and record your stats and score
Hit every shot that you would on the course. If you miss the fairway with your tee shot play a chip shot back onto the fairway then play your next shot. If possible even play your chip shots and putts and play shots from a bad lie if you've missed the fairway too. Even throw in some shots off uneven lies to mix it up.

Variation - Hit 20 shots changing to a different club and different target every shot.

Shaping - Experiment trying to get the ball to hook and slice.

Pressure games - Make up games that put pressure on every shot you hit. Record your scores so you can try to beat them next.

Try these tips out for the next few months and see what a difference better practise habits can make and trust me this is only the tip of the iceberg. Come and see me to find out more.

Kind regards

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