



The only thing a golfer needs is more daylight. - Ben Hogan

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Notes from the Course

As this is the first edition of our newsletter we have a lot to tell you all.

Recently we had a visit from a NSW golf association representative to review our operation and to advise us on how to improve our course. Martyn Black was previously Head Course Superintendent at Castle Hill in Sydney for 26 years and also plays off a 1 handicap.

Our President, Geoff Grayson, Chairman of the Greens Committee Terry Adcock and Greens Committee member Jeff Miller introduced Martyn to our course Superintendent John Causley.

Martyn was very impressed with the condition of our course and amazed at how it could be kept in such a state given we only have limited resources and staff. We told him that apart from our superintendent John and his team doing a great job we were fortunate in the fact that we had numerous members that either individually or as groups came out to assistance.

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Removal of Bunker Rake Holders

The bunker rake holders have deteriorated to the point they have either been removed or do not hold the rake securely. There are many more rakes than there are rake holders.

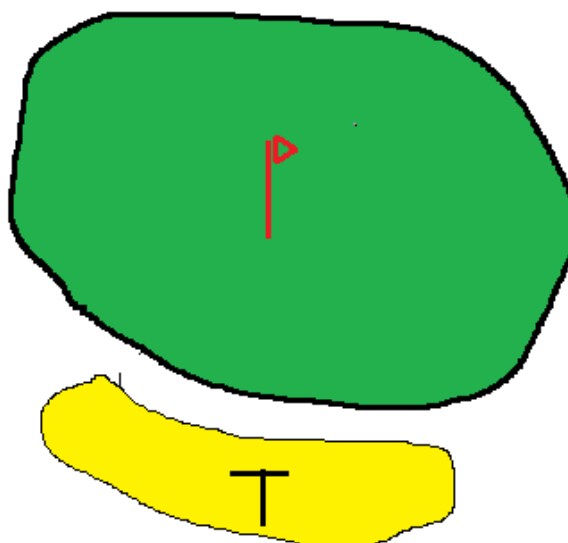
The rake holders also present an immovable obstruction within the bunkers which necessitates a specific local rule for relief.

Previously there has also been a local rule allowing a shot to be replayed if it strikes the vertical rake.

This local rule has been removed as it does not comply with the rules of golf.

Bunker rakes are to be left in the middle flat area of the bunkers with the rake end facing the hole.

Please do not place the rakes close to the edge of the bunker as this would require a ball that is resting against the rake to be played from that spot once the rake has been removed.



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He toured the course and made suggestions for improvements which mostly would cost either very little or nothing at all, however, he did suggest a couple that I will mention:

1. Fill in the bunker on the left hand side of number ten green and convert it into a grass bunker as it is difficult to maintain with all the tree roots intruding into the bunker.
2. Fill in the dam at the front of the 17th green for about five metres and have the batter of the front of the green at a gentle slope. I am sure that a lot of golfers would be in favour of this change.

This would make a tee shot just short of the green less of a penalty.

This area is currently GUR to offer relief for players who end up against the log retaining wall.

He made other suggestions and these can be seen by members if they wish, such as the extension of the back tee on the second teeing ground, the change to the bunker on the front of the third hole to make it more playable to the general membership.

We always have things to do on the course that our superintendent doesn't have the time or resources to do and to that end we would like to revive what I have been told was almost a tradition here at Maclean. That is the volunteers, in co-ordination with our superintendent John every second Monday for a couple of hours do some of the jobs that he and his staff don't have time for, so starting at 8am our first day will be the 26th. March, if you are available please let me know by the Friday 23rd.

Terry Adcock
Chairman of the Greens Committee.

A man was addressing the ball when an announcement came over the loud-speaker: "Will the gentleman on hole number one please not hit from the Ladies' tee box."

The man backs away, a little distracted, then approaches his ball again. As he does, the same announcement comes over the loud-speaker: "Will the gentleman on hole number one please not hit from the Ladies' tee box."

The man is getting irritated now, and after backing away from his shot, approaches his ball one more time. This time the announcement came: "We really need the gentleman on hole number one to move off of the Ladies' tee box!"

To which the man turns around and yells: "And I really need the announcer to shut up and let me play my second shot!"

Protection of Greens Surrounds

The condition of our golf course is continually improving. I am sure we would all agree that the course staff, led by John Causley, combined with the work carried out by many members is paying dividends.

The members and public playing the course also have their part to play in ensuring that not only is the course maintained in good condition but our limited resources are utilised efficiently

A line has been marked around the greens surrounds to indicate a no go area for golf carts.

To protect the greens surround please do not drive golf carts across this line.

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Ladies News in Brief

The **Gymi Shield** is to be played this year at Yamba on the April the 9th



WGNR Vets Day at Yamba is on the 19th March

The **Matchplay Challenge Brooch** is still being hotly contested Elena is the current holder and is anxious for the next match so how about challenging?

A more informative report will be in the following issue of the Newsletter

The newsletter can be accessed on the Maclean Golf Club web site.

Email any suggestions or articles to:

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The people who gave us golf and called it a game are the same people who gave us bag pipes and called it music

Ladies Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY MARCH 14TH

SELECT - IRISH TEAM - 4BBB STABLEFORD
ORANGE & GREEN DAY - ORANGE COURSE
SPONSOR: VARIETY MEATS

WEDNESDAY MARCH 19TH

STROKE - MONTHLY MEDAL - 1ST ML MEDAL
SPONSOR: K RYAN & E ROYLANCE

WEDNESDAY MARCH 21ST

STROKE - 3RD MONTHLY MEDAL - 1ST ML MEDAL
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MONDAY MARCH 26TH

WOODBURN-EVANS HEAD OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY MARCH 28TH

STROKE - STABLEFORD - TIMESHEET
SPONSOR: C PARKER & S YOULTEN

THURSDAY MARCH 29TH

MURWILLUMBAH OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY APRIL 4TH

EYECARE PLUS CANADIAN DRAW - ORANGE COURSE
SPONSOR: EYECARE PLUS

WEDNESDAY APRIL 11TH

2 BBB SELECT KNOCKOUT QUALITY
SPONSOR: M PLUNKETT & K APPS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY MARCH 3RD

STROKE, MONTHLY MEDAL No 5

SPONSOR: BRUSHGROVE HOTEL

SATURDAY MARCH 10TH

MEDLEY STABLEFORD

SPONSOR: A1 PLUMBING, MICHAEL ENDEAN

SATURDAY MARCH 17TH

4 PERSON IRISH TEAMS EVENT

SPONSOR: ONE ZERO TELSTRA PARTNER YAMBA

SATURDAY MARCH 24TH

MEDLEY STABLEFORD

SPONSOR: MACLEAN STAYS, RICHARD AND CATH PARKER

SATURDAY MARCH 31ST

MEDLEY STABLEFORD

SPONSOR: TOM MARTIN ELECTRICAL

SATURDAY APRIL 7TH

4BBB STABLEFORD JIM KELLY CUP

SPONSOR: MATT DOUGHERTY

SATURDAY APRIL 14TH

MEDLEY STABLEFORD

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SATURDAY APRIL 28TH

MEDLEY STABLEFORD

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Vets Golf

Four old men went into the pro shop after playing 18 holes of golf.

The pro asked, "Did you guys have a good game today?"

The first old guy said, "Yes, I had three riders today."

The second old guy said, "I had the most riders ever. I had five."

The third old guy said, "I had seven riders, the same as last time."

The last old man said, "I beat my old record. I had 12 riders today."

After they went into the locker room, another golfer who had heard the old guys talking about their game went to the pro and said, "I've been playing golf for a long time and thought I knew all the terminology of the game, but what's a rider?"

The pro said, "A rider is when you hit the ball far enough to actually get in the golf cart and ride to it."

Handicap Matchplay Championship.

The qualifying round for the Handicap Matchplay Championship was held on Saturday March 3rd.

The qualifiers for round one are:

- Luke many v. Brendon Reeves
- Andrew cowlings v. Peter Fitzpatrick
- Peter Saunders v. Steve smith
- Bruce Johnston v. Bob Richards

As we need to complete the Matchplay Handicap Championship before we commence the Club Championships round one MUST be played by Saturday 24th March, round two by Saturday 14th April and the final by Saturday 28th April.

The first round of the club Championships are Saturday 5th May.