



ASHGROVE GOLF COMMUNICATOR

APRIL 2015

INTRODUCTION.

“What is the club doing about attracting new members?” A favourite question at each Annual General Meeting. In conjunction with our neighbouring golf clubs, Ashgrove is participating in a membership drive with the opportunity for a new member or, the current member who nominates, them to win a new car.

From the member point of view, the more people you nominate, who become members, the greater the number of times your name goes into the draw.

The competition closes on May 31, 2015, so start chasing up those potential members and the job couldn't be easier with the great appearance and playing surface of the course at present.

THE CAPTAINS REPORT.

Men's Blue Temporary Rating and Length of First Hole

A question was raised about the length of the 1st hole on the card (489m) and where the course rating was measured from. The 1st hole was rated from a tee block near the back of the 5th green and close to the Club house. We have not used this tee. Golf Queensland have been contacted and asked if the 1st hole was rated from where the blue block is now situated, would that have changed the rating of the current temporary course (the 18th as a par 3). This was their reply:

After changing the length of the 1st, the Temp course currently in use has not been affected overall, with the Scratch and Slope Ratings remaining at 66 and 122 respectively.

Our competition cards will now reflect the new distance of the first hole. Once the 18th redesign happens, we will be getting the course re-rated from all Men's (Blue, White, Red) and Ladies (Red, white) tees.

So You Think You Know The Rules of Golf

Golf Queensland will be running a Club Level Rules Seminar and Accreditation evening. This will be at Oxley Golf Club on Monday April 20th 2015 from 6pm to 9 pm.

http://www.golfqueensland.org.au/rules_handicapping/rules

Ashgrove Golf Club would encourage all members to attend and to take the exam. At the very least members should download the Rules Accreditation Program Study Booklet (bottom of the page in the link above) and test their knowledge of the rules.

The Golf Queensland Rules of Golf Accreditation Course is designed for those men and women who wish to improve their knowledge of the Rules of Golf, as well as those seeking Club Level Accreditation via the online exam. You can register through the link above. Prior to attending the seminar, participants are encouraged to utilise the Study Guide in their preparation for the course. Information including a quick guide, the Study Guide, an interactive practice quiz and the Rules Accreditation Program Study Booklet can be found in the same link. You can attend the seminar without doing the Accreditation Exam. Attendance at the seminar is free of charge however it will cost you \$16 if you wish to do the exam.

It is envisaged that in the near future you will be able to do the online exam (will still cost \$16) without attending the seminar. However it is recommended by Golf Queensland that if you wish to do the exam then you should attend the seminar. There may be another seminar and exam conducted later in the year if there is enough interest from Clubs.

2015 Handicap Matchplay Event

This is an event that has been running for a number of years and gives Members the chance to experience Matchplay as a form of golf. Matchplay is a very different experience where it is just you against another player. The score on each hole doesn't really matter it's only about whether you win, lose or square each hole.

This event is played between late May & late September. Nominations close on the 26th April. This year, for the first time, the event will be using full GA handicaps. The handicaps will be frozen as at 27th April for all of the matches. Unlike previous years there will not be grades but there may be some form of seeding. There will be an upfront cost of \$10 per player which will be paid when you play your first game.

Nominate by putting your name in the 2014 Handicap Matchplay nomination folder, available at the Bar, where the Ball Rundown Book lives from 4th April 2014.

This is a fun event and will give you a different experience. Usually we have between 60 and 70 players so please consider giving it a go this year particularly if you haven't played in the event before.

Bunker Rakes and the Positioning thereof - Aagghhhhh

I have had a number of people say to me they are still confused about bunker rakes. Page 38 (item 5) of the current 2015 fixture book talks about bunker rakes and where they should be placed. There have been some pictures and descriptions around the club which really went into too much detail so they have been removed.

IF NOTHING ELSE players just need to remember to throw the rake into the middle of the bunker. I get comments like “but that means I have to walk into the bunker to get the rake”. Yes that is exactly what it means. The rake is NOT MEANT TO BE AN OBSTRUCTION stopping your ball from getting to the middle and the bottom of the bunker. Please show some consideration to your fellow players or yourself because it may be your ball trapped on the edge of the bunker with no shot because someone was careless and didn't put the rake in the right place.

Most Improved Male Player Shield

The Homer family (Adrian and Kieran) have very generously donated a shield and trophy for the most improved male player between February and November. Players must have played at least 20 handicap games to be eligible. The most improved player is defined as the player whose handicap has had the greatest percentage drop over the year. This will be a much sought after trophy for our Presentation Night in November. Thanks very much to Adrian & Kieran.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE SUPPORT OF THE BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL

In our Re-vegetation program – 7th, 8th & 9th holes at Ashgrove Golf Club.

In late 2013, the Ashgrove Golf Club successfully applied to the Lord Mayor's Community Sustainability and Environmental Grants Program for assistance with the re-vegetation of various parts of the Golf Course. To meet the criteria, all planting needed to be done on Council owned landand plants used were to be from a prescribed list of native plants, indigenous to the area.

So, over the last 12 months, volunteers have successfully transformed

- the creek bank below the 7th tee,
- along the LHS of the 8th cart path and fairway
- around the rockery on the 8th
- the rear of the 8th green,
- the back of the 9th tee and
- other pockets of creek bank not usually visible to golfers, (unless you are in the hazard!)

Many members have commented on how attractive the areas have become and have congratulated the workers on their effort, but these rehabilitated areas will only continue to improve over the next few years as they become more established.

The Ashgrove Golf Club would sincerely like to thank all those involved – not only the Wednesday volunteers for their labour and enthusiasm each week, Darren and his staff for their assistance and the local nurseries who provided advice but most importantly the Lord Mayor’s Community Sustainability and Environmental Grants Program managed by the Brisbane City Council, without whose sponsorship this work would not have occurred.

Thank-you
Sue Moller



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YOU NEVER KNOW WHO IS WATCHING.

A and B were playing as partners in a 4BBB event and A’s drive, from the tee, came to rest against the hazard side of the hazard marker. B assumes the hazard marker is a movable obstruction, as it is easy to remove and does so without moving A’s ball. A plays the ball as it lies and B replaces the marked in the same place as from where he removed it. Was this the correct procedure?

NO. As A’s ball was in the hazard he cannot claim relief from an obstruction either movable or immovable but must comply with Rule (24-2b). A must take a penalty and play the ball in accordance with rule (26-1), using as the point of reference, the place where the ball crossed the hazard or replaying the ball from the tee.

A Popular Misconception.

During a March competition game, a B grade player hit his drive from the tee out of bounds. He declared to the group he would drop and play a ball from where his original drive went out of bounds.

A fellow competitor informed him that as the ball was out of bounds he must replay the shot from the tee, with a one shot penalty and loss of distance. His reply was “that is a decision for my marker to make.”

Although many players are of the opinion the marker can make decisions on the rules, by rule book definitions, (page 29 of the current rule book), ‘the marker is not a referee.’

Where there is doubt or disagreement, as to the correct rule procedure, the player is allowed to play a second ball and request the marker to record both scores and refer the decision to the committee for a final decision, (Rule 3-3).

If the player, decided to play out the hole as he originally intended, he would incur a two shot penalty for playing from the wrong place, an additional shot in violation of rule 27-1 and disqualification if he did not correct the errors before commencing to play the next hole.

OUT OF PLAY MARKERS.

Several members are reporting on this one, where a number of members are taking the point where the ball entered the 'out of play bunker' as the reference point for their nearest point of relief. The correct and only point of relief is that point nearest to where the ball comes to rest, no closer to the hole nor on the green.

Take your point of relief anywhere else and your free drop becomes 2 penalties, for playing from the wrong place.

JUNIOR COMPETITION.

Sunday, March 15 saw the start of a 4 hole, Ambrose Competition for all junior players, under the supervision of Rachel Thomas and Lee Darroch, assisted by several parents and volunteer club members. The juniors are divided into two groups by age, 14 to 16 years and 8 to 13 and play over slightly shorter length holes than normal.

There are currently 12 juniors participating with the hope of increasing numbers as popularity of this opportunity for younger people to become acquainted with the pleasures of playing golf spreads.

Games are played each alternate Sunday, from 8-30 to 10-00 AM, there is no cost to the players and membership of the club is not required although certainly encouraged!

Know of any juniors, who may be interested? Talk to Rachel, Lee or the office.

WORKING BEES.

The early morning threat of an extremely damaging storm, with heavy hail coming in from the west on the March 18th put an end to the programs being undertaken by the Working Bee members for that day, as members were instructed to stop all activities, get cars and equipment under cover and seek a safe place for themselves.

Maybe, we have not unearthed a future Banjo Patterson, Henry Lawson or C.J. Dennis but a team member's frustrations and concerns, especially when the expected storm did not materialise, are probable best expressed in the following poem penned by Bob Carson as he waited for the storm that fortunately did not materialise.

Before the Hail Fell.

Tools were abandoned
Debris lay at random
Jobs went untended
Beware the storm cell.

The Work Bee had ended
Golf was suspended
The Golf Course deserted
As Fury bore down.

Morning Tea unattended
Our actions defended
As the need to get home
To our families had grown.

Came the rain but no hail
No flight need prevailed
By then we were home
Checking BOM carefully.
Morning Tea was at home

A free morning loomed
A return to the Course
Was unlikely at best.

The work will await us
Next week when we focus
There is plenty to do
As our group will attest.

THE ROLE OF THE MARKER.



Marking the card requires a serious approach, if you are not sure of the strokes your opponent had don't neglect to confirm the score.

NEWS FROM THE LADIES.

The raffle, held in conjunction with the Glendun Group, St Patricks Day Cup raised \$650.00 which will go towards the acquisition and installation of a projector for the Ellis Room.

Raffle winners were:

N Crouch
D Carroll

E Peters
A Batch.

VALE JACK KEIR.

With the deepest regrets members were advised that Jack Keir past away during March. Jack and his wife Ann had been long term, regular playing members of the club and their presence sadly missed by many.

To Ann and family we express our deepest sympathy in their loss.

ZEGATOS.

Due to the increased popularity of the Birthday Dinner each month, the restaurant is requesting members to book two weeks in advance, for this evening, to avoid the necessity of turning patrons away, which has reluctantly occurred in the last few months or so when people have arrived for dinner when the restaurant is at full capacity.

Sunday mornings has seen the return of the popular breakfast session and from mid April will see the return of the **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Evening Specials.**

Check at the club house or the weekly on line segment of 'What's on at Ashgrove' for more information.

MAKING THE MOST OF OPPORTUNITIES.

Taking on the role of a bar volunteer of a Monday morning, Barry McPhee found himself with time on his hands but also two regular early morning social players who were always waiting for him to open the bar at precisely 10 AM.

Not being one, short of a conversation, Barry found this couple more receptive than talking to himself and steered the conversation around to how they could benefit by becoming playing members rather than paying for each social round, even to the dubious benefits of being part of the Tuesday Gerries Club.

If, Barry is successful in having these potential members decide to join, when they return from the holidays they are currently on, he and they will be potential winners of the car that is up for grabs in the current membership drive.

Why not get involved yourself, by a little bit of effort to selling a friend or acquaintance on the virtues of being part of the club where they or you could be a winner of the car.

COURSE CHANGES.

With the mulching of the area of the 8th fairway to the left of the new pathway this area becomes, like all other mulched sections, **'A NO RELIEF AREA'**.

MAJOR EVENTS FOR APRIL.

11/04/2015	Lady Captain's Trophy - Open Single Stableford	Ladies	A Hardie
11/04/2015	Open 4BBB Stableford	Mens	N Crouch, S Kroeger, R Eldridge, D Carroll
12/04/2015	Open Medley Single Stableford	Medley	K Dudgeon
14/04/2015	Ladies Ashgrove Jug qualifer - 4BBB Stroke	Ladies	Ashgrove Ladies
16/04/2015	Open Medley Back Marker Challenge	Medley	Stratco
18/04/2015	Ashgrove Cup - Single Stroke	Mens	On Course National Golf Shop
18/04/2015	Ladies Open Best 3 of 4 Team Stableford	Ladies	Ashgrove Ladies
19/04/2015	Open Medley 4BBB Stableford	Medley	Margaret Lucas
21/04/2015	Ladies Open Handicap V Par with bisque	Ladies	Friday Ladies
23/04/2015	Open Medley 4 Person Ambrose	Medley	Coca Cola
25/04/2015	Ladies Open Single Stableford	Ladies	Ashgrove Ladies
25/04/2015	Open Single Stableford	Mens	Ryan Civil Contracting
26/04/2015	Open Medley Single Stableford	Medley	Coca Cola
28/04/2015	Ladies Open Canadian Foursomes	Ladies	Ashgrove Ladies
30/04/2015	Open Medley Single Stableford	Medley	T Grant

April 26 Closing Date for Men's Handicap Match Play.

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