

PREFERRED LIES:



**Harrington Waters Golf Club Inc.
“NEWSLETTER”**

Hi to all members.

For those members that were not aware of the recent release on the “I Seek Golf” website, Harrington Waters GC was recognised in the Top 25 Nine Hole golf courses in Australia, I have personally played several of the other courses listed and in my opinion our course is far superior to those I had played, therefore we can assume that we would be close to the top of those 25 listed.

This recognition must be attributed to the excellent job that Mark Russell, Greg and Paul do at our course to achieve this standard.

Saturday 8th December we are holding the annual “Harrington Waters Shield” event. This is a huge day for our club thanks to the efforts of Peter Budden. We expect to have at least 130 players competing for the 18 hole individual medley stableford event. Many visitors travel from far and wide for this day with a 7:30 and 12:30 shotgun start.

Peter has arranged many prizes for the day. At the time of writing several spots are still available should you like to play on Saturday.

As we have twelve (12) new carts arriving early next year (approx. first week of February) the ten (10) current hire carts may be available to members to purchase. Should you be interested please leave your name and contact details on the list on the notice board. We expect these to be at a cost of approx. \$3,000 although you should budget to replace batteries. We are seeking quotes for the cost of replacement batteries (expecting approx. \$1,400).

Should you wish to sponsor an event or events for the coming year there is a sheet on the notice board outside the Golf Shop.



As we have many local business that have generously supported our club by way of course sponsorship with their signage on most tees and advertising in our fixture book, you are encouraged to support these generous people who support our club.

Success was achieved by one of our sponsors Ken Bourke from 'All About Conveyancing' recently by winning the "B" grade nett in the Taree Golf Club Pro-Am event "Well done Ken!"

Further success was gained by Roy Hofmeier, Chris Derks, Belinda & Bob Baxter as runners up in the Wauchope VW Scramble (4 person ambrose) only to be beaten by 1/8 of a shot. However they still qualified for the regional final to be played in March next year at Bonville Golf Resort. This event will be a five person ambrose. All four are to play with a professional (yet to be determined).

We have secured our own VW Scramble event for Sunday 3rd March, 2019. All members are encouraged to enter this event which is a 4 person ambrose with great prizes including a VW car for a hole in one and the opportunity to also play the regional final at Bonville for the winners.

NEW GOLF RULES

Please make yourself familiar with the changes to golf rules effective from 1st January, 2019

The 20 Most Important changes to the rules of Golf

1. Search Time – Reduced from 5 minutes to 3 minutes
2. Ball moved during search – Replace No Penalty
3. Embedded Ball – Free relief anywhere through the course
4. Measuring a drop – Use longest club (except putter)
5. Dropping – Drop from knee height rather than shoulder
6. Taking Stance on wrong green is not permitted
7. Ball unintentionally hits player or equipment – No Penalty
8. Double Hit – No penalty. Now only counts as the 1 stroke
9. Touching sand in bunker incidentally is permitted
10. Loose impediments can be removed anywhere including hazards
11. Dropping a ball out of bunker – 2 penalty strokes
12. Water Hazards – Now called "Penalty Areas"
13. Touching ground in Penalty Areas – No Penalty
14. Ball moves on green after being marked – Replace without penalty
15. Ball accidentally moved on putting green – Replace no penalty
16. All damage to green can now be repaired
17. Positioning a club for alignment is not permitted
18. Caddie assisting with alignment is now not permitted
19. Putting with flag stick in hole is now permitted
20. Ball wedged against flag stick and side of hole is deemed as holed

Updated Rule Books and basic summary sheets are available from the Golf Shop.

A poster is also located in the ladies and men's toilets and the downstairs notice board.

The new bridge is now completed on the right hand side of the 8th/17th fairway over the creek. This will avoid the constant cart traffic across the front of green helping all with approach shots between the creek and green. Approach and egress paths are yet to be extended and completed.



Last Friday evening we had our annual presentation night held at the golf club. This was an excellent night, catering was superb. Anne, Elizabeth and the girls provided all with the usual high quality service and meals we have become fortunately accustomed to.

Entertainment was brilliant. All those who attended had a wonderful night and most danced the night away.

Congratulations to all the very worth winners on the night.

Men Vet's Christmas 9 hole Canadian Foursomes and the popular Xmas Party is to be held on Friday 14th December

December men's monthly medal winners were:-

A Grade – Mal Feltham

B Grade – Dennis Edmonds

C Grade – Frog Tenner

Ladies Vet's Christmas party is on Monday 10th December, all are guaranteed a fun day.

New lady members should come along to join in for 9 holes of fun on Monday 17th December.

December ladies monthly medal winner was Jenny Fisher.

COURSE CARE

CARTS:- Please adhere to all cart signage 'No Carts' means **NO CARTS**

Do not drive carts within 5 meters of water edge or bunkers. This leads to de-stabilisation of the banks. It also compacts the ground leading to more balls going into the water or bunkers.

BUNKERS:- Please rake the bunkers properly whether you wear flat shoes or not. Make sure you rake your exit footprints. Also rakes should be placed away from the face of the bunker in the direction of play.

DIVOTS:- Please fill in your divots whether you played a bad shot or not. The sand is free. Consider filling other unfilled divots please.

Your adherence to these points will see the course remain in top shape for everyone's enjoyment.

Members you will notice a new small sign with a sunscreen bottle adjacent to the first tee, help yourself to the complimentary sunscreen to protect you from the harmful exposure of the sun.

Until next newsletter

HAPPY GOLFING

Bob Baxter