

PREFERRED LIES:



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

7th January 2019

Hi to all members.

Happy New Year to all our members, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with your families. I apologise for the lateness of this newsletter as we have had family visiting over the past couple of weeks.

We have had a busy period at the club and course over the festive season.

Competition was only slightly interrupted during the holiday period and most enjoyed the events that were held, with a number of visitors entering over mid-week and Saturday competitions.

New rules commenced from 1st January. I hope you all have an understanding of the changes as information regarding the new rules remains displayed for you all at the clubhouse. New rules were published in the previous newsletter however please see the most significant rule changes below FYI.

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

We experienced a ferocious storm on the evening of Thursday 20th December with a large number of trees uprooted and many trees damaged with debris strewn over the golf course. Thanks to our green staff and several volunteers for assisting in the clean up, which was carried out prior to and after Christmas.

Harrington Waters is hosting the Men’s Senior Order of Merit event on Tuesday 15th January (next week). This is the first time this event has been held at a nine hole course, which has a following of some of the best Senior golfers from NSW and also interstate. The event is open to male players over the age of 55 who have a GA handicap below 19.5. With huge prizes up for grabs, there are still spots available for those interested. Contact the Pro-shop ASAP as the draw will be conducted before the week’s end.

Men’s Vet’s Christmas day and party was held on Friday 14th December. This was a wonderful day with a full field in attendance for the usual 9 hole competition.

The Christmas party lunch was an outstanding spread thanks to the generous Vet’s committee that provide an excellent lunch with no expense spared to give back to the support of Vet’s members throughout the year. All went home with a full belly of oysters, prawns and an outstanding lunch prepared by our wonderful girls in the kitchen/bar.

Men’s monthly medal winners last Saturday were:-

- A Grade – Peter Budden
- B Grade – Ted Muddle
- C Grade – Laurie Swansbra



Sunday 6th January was the John Gollan Day 4 Person Ambrose (9 hole) event, this was a most successful day with 80 starters participating in the day, maybe we should consider more of these types of Sunday mixed events as the focus is on having a lot of fun.

We are certainly gaining growth in numbers as several new members have recently joined, please make yourself known to these people, two new lady members Debbie Thompson and Deb White have participated in competitions and other ladies who recently completed lessons with Chantelle should join in and enjoy the fun.

Next issue will provide a full list of all new members that have recently joined.

Lady Vet's competition commenced today with Vicky Bourke and Di Lamborne winning their grades.

Lady's medal competition will be held this Thursday.

Congratulations to Ann Newman and Ken Partridge who announced their engagement over the festive season, best wishes to you both for your future together.

Until the next newsletter

HAPPY GOLFING

Bob Baxter