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The Newsletter of the

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FROM THE CAPTAIN

As this will be my last input as Captain for the FORE magazine I must thank all those previous editors for the help but particularly Daryl for his great help over the last period of the FORE. My health, or lack of same, has forced a change of direction in my future plans.

Firstly congratulations to Charlie McDonald and Wayne Phelps, both great supporting members of the golf club, to win the regional finals of the NSW 4BBB par event at Coolamatong with a fantastic +10 from Tully Park with +6. They now head to Bonville, Coffs Harbour, later in the year for the NSW finals. Good luck boys!



The annual men's versus ladies event on Sunday the 21st saw the men's tactics of

serious training overwhelm the ladies' plan of setting up the easier course and only drinking champers and orange juice on the day. The men ultimately were the winners. With only 40 players, this was an improvement on last year, but those who didn't play missed out on a great day. The final result saw the games even at 5 apiece but with some creative and accurate accounting the men were the winners with 423 points to 415. A great day made all the better with Allison Croker having a hole in one on the 15th.

I appreciate we all have our own thoughts about coring, but I would like all to think about past corings and where we stand with the current coring. I see no difference after each coring; it takes some time for the grass to knit together over the holes and, with the great wet weather we have had, the greens will come back as great as ever. A little bit of pain for the usual gain.

If you have an issue with any staff, seek out Rob Kennedy and express your concerns to him or a member of the board. Don't take it out on the staff. The elections for the board are coming up fast so help out and give the Club the help of your expertise.

The calendar for 2017 is in the draft stage. If you have any suggestions or requests for events please contact us. A few thoughts along with this is that we, due to our limited fields, have trouble running four ball events (two player team event), with only two players hitting off they can't compete in a 4 ball event without a marker. With a foursomes event, hit for hit, you can't have a swinger. With the calendar some events and actions are set in stone: coring, major events allocated by NSW and ACT and such. We have bookings into 2018 for social groups, pennants etc.

My thanks to Roger Fidler. He has been a fantastic asset to the club. His knowledge and input to the club over the years is immeasurable. The handicapping system that we use here is down to Roger. His assistance to me as Captain has been life-saving at times; heart-wrenching at others. Thanks Rog. As he has now resigned as handicap manager, we need someone with a bit of computer knowledge to come forward to take over his role.

Even though I am unable to continue as Captain, I would like to help out where I can and I am sure that I speak for Roger as well.

FROM THE MANAGER

Nominations for the Board are now open but will close 31st August @ 5:30pm. This is your chance to have your say and help make a difference. We also have the AGM on Tuesday the 20th September @ 6:30pm. However, this year, we have called a Special General Meeting at 6pm. For details on this, please see the notice that is posted in the club.

On another note we have new caterers who have taken over the Bistro. Gavin and Vicki from the Black Sheep Pub started on 5th August and are now known as VG's on the Green. Serving arrange of traditional meals at great prices you can't go wrong. I ask that you help support your club by either booking your next function or just dropping in for your next meal.

TACTICS TO REDUCE SLOW PLAY

Slow play is the scourge of club, tournament, all play in golf. Our hard-working/thinking handicapping team has sussed out some tactics which they would like you to consider.

Here are the first of three of 25:

1. Play like you have only three hours to finish the round before the sun sets.
2. Ditch your head covers. Taking them on and off all day is a timewaster.
3. Play it forward at least one tee box.
4. Check the time when you tee off and check again every three holes. For some reason it helps make you play faster.
5. Mixed foursome? Forward tee players should ride with other forward tee players. Back tees with back tees.
6. Agreeing to play "ready Golf" is essential for a casual round. But you will play even faster if you keep putting until your ball is holed or conceded.
7. Only mark a short putt to clean it.

More next month.

The same hard-working team would like to test your knowledge of the Rules of Golf. They have nine questions, five of which we are presenting this month. The remaining four will appear next month.

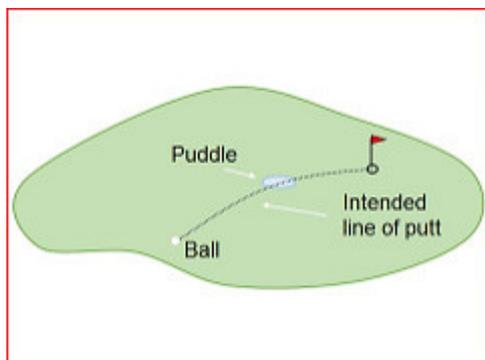
..... Casual Water

Q1: Casual water is an abnormal ground condition. True or False?

Q2: A player's ball lies under the surface of deep casual water and while they are searching for it they accidentally move it with the head of their club. The player incurs a penalty of one stroke for causing their ball to move. True or False?

Q3: There is a small puddle of water on the putting green on a player's intended line of putt. Which statement is correct?

- a) They must play the ball as it lies. b) They may mop up the puddle of water. c) They may choose where to place their ball at any equidistant point that avoids the puddle. d) They may place their ball at the nearest point of relief from the interference that is not in a hazard.



Q4: A ball does not have to be found if it is known to have come to rest in casual water. True or False?

Q5: Where may a player take relief when dropping a ball from casual water, not nearer the hole? a) Within two club-lengths of where it last crossed the margin. b) Within two club-lengths of the nearest point of relief. c) Within one club-length of the nearest point of relief. d) At the nearest point of relief.
No cheating: Answers overleaf.

LADIES' NEWS

August began with the mixed Holden Scramble being held on Sunday 7th, with 16 teams competing. Mandy McColl, Greg Breen, Brad Croker and Graham Nesbett won the day.

Our annual Ladies v Men match was held on Sunday 21st with 20 ladies and 20 men competing. With 5 matches apiece, it came down to points with the men winning 423 to 415. Well done to the men, but we will be back again next year to try again. Thanks to Bill and the men's committee for all the organizing.

Congratulations to Allison Croker who, on the same day, had a hole-in- one on the 15th. Well done, Al!

Results from Thursday's GNSW 4BBB Final held at Federal Golf Club; Nic Downey & Maria Croker +2

Kelly Weir & Shirley Weir square, Annette Smith & Vicki Scarfi square, winning score +7 by RMC, well done girls.

Our Gold Cup Playoff has been postponed till the 2nd October so please check the notice board for the list of players.

Preparations for our Stabrose are well under way, with a fashion parade and raffles organised , a number of nomination have already been received and we are hoping for a good field to make this another successful day.

Debbie Collins

Ladies Captain

Ladies' Calendar September 2016

DAY	DATE	EVENT
SAT	3 SEP	Stableford
SUN	4 SEP	Gold Cup Play-off (9.30am)
WED	7 SEP	Stabrose – Open Sponsored by First National Real Estate
SAT	10 Sep	Stableford
WED	14 Sep	4BBB Stableford Capt v Pres
SAT	17 Sep	Stableford.
WED	21 Sep	Stroke & Min. 9
SAT	24 Sep	Stableford
WED	28 Sep	Stableford

Men's Calendar September 2016

DAY	DATE	EVENT
THU	1 Sep	Single Stableford
SAT	3 Sep	Single Par
THU	8 Sep	Single Stableford
SAT	10 Sep	Monthly Medal
THU	15 Sep	Single Stableford
SAT	17 Sep	Goulburn Cup
SUN	18 Sep	Goulburn Cup
THU	22 Sep	Single Stableford
SAT	24 Sep	Single Stableford Men's 4's 1 st Rnd
SUN	25 Sep	Men's 4's 2 nd Rnd
THU	29 Sep	Single Stableford

FROM PROFESSIONAL ANDREW

Looking for ideas for Dad on Fathers' Day?

Here are some suggestions:

- 2 x IZOD shirts - \$85
- Ask about our gift vouchers

Titleist Fitting Day (Monday 12 September, 1 – 5 pm). Bookings in the pro shop.

Don't forget the Goulburn Cup (17-18 September). Entries in the pro shop.

Answers to the quiz:

A1: True. Definition of Abnormal Ground Condition

A2: Answer: False. Rule 12-1d. There is no penalty for moving a ball in an abnormal ground condition during search.

A3: d) They may place their ball at the nearest point of relief from the interference that is not in a hazard. Rule 25-1b(iii).

A4: True. Rule 25-1c.

A5: c) Within one club-length of the nearest point of relief. Rule 25-1b.

FROM PRESIDENT PAUL

Elections for the Board are coming up; nominations closed on 31/8/16, and as we do not have enough numbers we will need nominations from the floor at the AGM. It's disappointing that no one seems to have the time to help run our great club.

We have had a difficult year with the resignation of the chef and the new one not working out. But in saying that Vicki and Gav have started to fill the club up again which is great to see.

To all members, please support our club, even if it's for a round of drinks after your

Monthly Medal August 2016

	<i>NAMES</i>	<i>SCORE</i>
<i>MEDAL WINNER</i>	<i>Terry Hartnett (19)</i>	<i>69 nett c/b</i>
<i>A GRADE NETT</i>	<i>Glenn Matthews (7)</i>	<i>69 nett</i>
<i>C GRADE NETT</i>	<i>Johno McMath (21)</i>	<i>71 nett</i>
<i>A GRADE SCRATCH</i>	<i>Steve Bricknell (2)</i>	<i>73</i>
<i>B GRADE SCRATCH</i>	<i>John Falchi (14)</i>	<i>83</i>
<i>C GRADE SCRATCH</i>	<i>Michael Deegan (22)</i>	<i>96</i>

game. If we want to keep our club going, we all need to support it.

On a business note, Tablelands Communications, which is a locally owned NBN internet service provider, has kindly donated \$50 per connection. If you mention you are a member of Goulburn Golf Club, this money will go towards improvements within the club.

Happy Father's Day to all.