

# Club Captain's May 2024 Newsletter



## Early morning golf. Wednesday 8 May

Dear Members,

Been a bit wet lately but our course is in much better condition than those around us!

The Greens Staff sandbagged some bunkers as insurance to help avoid any potential washouts and succeeded. We were closed on Sunday 5/5 but back open Monday so we will now no doubt have quite a few visitors from around our area playing at our course.

Well done to those who battled the rain during the May Medal. I reckon all that finished should have got at least a ball??!!

**Medal Winners April 2024:**

A Grade: J. Rigney (66 net)

B Grade: P. Morris (69 net)

C Grade: A. Cooke (69 net)

**Medal Winners May 2024:**

A Grade: R. Walker (73 net)

B Grade: H. Baxter (68 net)

C Grade: N. Hunt (75 net)

**The Men's Club Championships** 3rd and Final round will be played this Saturday May 11th with the top 4 in each grade teeing off between 11.30am and 12pm. (Please check the booking page if you are involved and contact me if you have any issues) All the best for those still in contention.

**Ladies Championships** are currently being played over the next 3 weeks (7th, 14th and 21st). Good luck for those participating.

**Playing numbers for April 2024** were:

Members Comp (including reciprocal clubs) 1,859

Visitors Comp 222

Social 1,992

TOTAL: 4,073

**Upcoming 9th hole existing green and tee box renovations:**

The Greens and Match Committee have proposed changes to the 9th hole including the green and renovating the tee box beside the existing tee (to the left looking at the 8th green).

These proposals have been ratified by the Board and the following information is for all members.

**Timing:**

Commence work either June 3rd or 10th which is after the NSW Vets Matchplay week.

Completion estimated by Mid December (at latest but obviously weather permitting)

***Green issues:***

- Currently limited areas to place pins.
- There are random rocks just under the surface that are damaging equipment when trying to place pins.
- There is a 'moss' and other grass impurities on this green that will ultimately therefore require re-seeding.

**Rationale:**

- Increase pin placements from existing 30% to 75%
- Remove random rocks.
- Re-seed while renovating the green.
- To keep the integrity of the hole so we are minimising changes creating subtle improvements.

**Criteria:**

- To reshape the green by flattening out (mainly left-hand side and rear).
- Minor change to the shape and create a slight front right area for more pin placements. Minor alterations to the existing bunker to reduce size and shape.

**Benefits:**

- To reduce wear and tear on the green by having more pin placements and therefore creating more variety. Pins will conform with the suggested pin placement from Golf Australia.
- To keep the integrity of the hole so we are minimising changes as subtle improvements.

**Interim:**

While the 9th hole is out of play, we will use the 'permanent' temporary on the 9th fairway which is a short (247M Men's and 213M Ladies) par 4. It will still be indexed 4 as per the current scorecard. We hope to have minimum impact to playing members as the Green Staff have built a quality temporary green. Downside is a 300m distance walk (if you do walk) back to the Clubhouse.

***Tee Box issues:***

- We have a NPZ (No play Zone) between the 9th and 2nd fairways.
- Can be dangerous if players (RH) hook a ball from the tee toward the second tee and/or fairway.

**Rationale:**

- To reduce potential incidents of players being hit.
- Minimise use of NPZ

**Criteria:**

- To renovate the tee box to the left of existing.

**Benefits:**

- Reduce the issues stated.
- Create a hole that has a second dimension off the tee and gives more variety.

Please contact me if anyone would like further clarification.

Happy Golfing,

Phil Lyons

Club Captain