



The Heads

SHOALHAVEN HEADS GOLF CLUB LTD



Club Captain's Newsletter September 2024

Dear Members,

Spring has sprung and our golf course is starting to see the signs of new growth which should help make the Fairways, (Rough!), Tees and Greens come back really well to hopefully make our playing conditions excellent through Spring and Summer. This will make our course, as usual, the envy of all other Golf Courses on the South Coast.

Medal Winners September 2024:

A Grade: D. Troy (67 net)

B Grade: S. Rapp (65 net)

C Grade: R. Edgerley (67 net)

Special mention to Chris Russell who shot a net 64. (The secondary drug test results are not in as yet)

Playing numbers for August 2024 were:

Members Comp (including reciprocal clubs) 1,981

Visitors Comp	129
Social	1,698
TOTAL:	3,808

2BBB Matchplay:

Congratulations to Phil Behan and Warwick Merchant on winning the 2024 Championship.

Men's Matchplay Knockout:

Also, Congrats to the qualifiers for the Matchplay Knockout. Details and the draw are posted on the Noticeboard. Qualifiers have been notified.

Updated news from Chris Russell for the Ladies:

The Ladies Matchplay final was contested by Amanda McFeeters and Adele Abbott with the winner being decided on the 18th green. Well done ladies on this epic nail biting final with **Amanda McFeeters** claiming the 2024 title of **Matchplay Champion**. Congratulations!

Melbourne Cup Day – Save the Date! The club will be hosting a 2 Person Ambrose competition followed by a luncheon. The finer details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

The ladies' **Medal of Medals** will be held on the first Tuesday of October. Good luck to all the contenders!

Garden Stakes:

Just a reminder that we have 5 gardens that are marked by a **large green stake**. They are located as follows between the:

- 1st tee and 9th green
- 3rd tee and 4th green
- 3rd green and 4th tee
- 4th tee and 5th green
- 14th green and 15th tee

Free drop nearest point of relief, no nearer the pin.

No green peg in an 'assumed garden' means is part of the golf course and is play as it lies.

Reciprocal update:

Hawks Nest is no longer a reciprocal with The Heads. They decided to stop all their reciprocal and will reassess down the track.

Coring completed: (Text from Will Ockenden)

The renovations were a success. We managed to complete it all by 1:00 pm on Tuesday with no dramas. Having the new tipper trailer made it a lot quicker to load the top dresser. We used solid 13mm tines at a depth of 4 inches. All the amendments (gypsum and organics) were put out and fertilised after that. A big thank you to all the volunteers who came out and helped with the brooming, there were not many greens for most of them as we were running well ahead of schedule but to see so many club volunteers giving up their time was pleasing!

Preferred lies: Will remain at this time. Fairways and surrounds cut to 9mm, Rough 50mm and will drop to 25-40mm when conditions are right.

2nd Green and Tee Renovations:

The Board has approved the renovations of the second green and tee box that was submitted by the Greens and Match Committee. Details of the improvements will follow in the next Newsletter.

The timing however is as follows:

We will have the new 9th green back in play for the December Medal Round.

Commencement of the 2nd renovations to start early January. That gives the Green's staff time to work on repairs to the 9th temporary green.

When the 2nd green is out of play the 9th temp will be used again and we will have a 155M (Men's) and 135M (Ladies) to the new 9th green.

We envisage the 2nd to be ready for play in April 2025.

Practice/Chipping Green Area:

Our Practice putting/chipping area has been defined with yellow markers with a black top. Playing competitors are advised that before playing that practice must be confined within the designated area set out by these pegs. Any practicing on day of competition (other than Matchplay) would result in an instant disqualification.

Longest Day Cancer Council:

The Longest Day where players play 4 rounds of golf and raise money for The Cancer Council will be held on Monday December 9th. Anyone interested or would like more information can contact Colin Brown at colin@worksafeapparel.com.au

14th Tee issue.

The Greens and Match Committee has agreed to have a sign erected at the top of the cart path rise behind the 14th tee saying (to the effect) "Beware of Players hitting from the 16th tee who have right of way. Please wait till the 16th tee is clear". Also, we are considering a net behind the 14th tee for players to wait behind until the 16th tee has cleared.

Thanks for reading and please enjoy your golf on our special Golf Course.

Phil Lyons

Club Captain