



BUSSELTON
GOLF CLUB



*Captain & President
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<http://www.busseltongolfclub.com.au>

Members NoticeBoard

Streamline Summer Cup

The great event sponsored by Brad Christian and the team at Streamline Underground Services is being held Saturday 12th January. This year it is an 18 Hole Stableford event for Men & Women. There are great prizes plus you can win a annual membership by being at the presentations. Cost is \$20 which includes a barbecue lunch. Get your entry in at the Golf Shop.

Mixed Summer Cup

The annual Bagwan Williams trophy for the winners of the Summer mixed cup is up for grabs on Sunday 20th January. See the Bagwan himself or Sunday Captain John Gardner to fix you up with a partner if you wish to play and don't have one. This is a great event and I am sure the Bagwan will be in his element again providing all the entertainment, so don't miss out.

Match Committee Members Wanted

I am looking for a 2-3 members to join the match committee for 2008. To assist in running competitions , starting, scoring etc. If you want to help the club out then see me or Vice Captain Bevan Huitson.

Big Thankyou

Is given to Lloyd Evans and Don Hampson for giving their time and bricklaying skills to build the bunting wall around the new tank area next to the course super shed. For members interest this was a requirement that had to be done by law. In time it will be covered by bushes and plants and wont be noticeable.

White Tee Markers

The board and the course super have decided the white markers will only apply to men from now on. Both green fee players and members play practice rounds. Failure to comply can lead to suspension.

Driving Balls Into or Over The River

In the last newsletter it was announced this was banned from in front of the clubhouse. Failure to comply can lead to suspension. Members should also note that practice shots into or over the river from around the 10th tee, is in fact a 2 shot penalty in a competition as you have stepped onto the course. See Rule 7

Defacing Tee Signage

There have been instances where sponsorship signage on the tees have been defaced and or damaged. Anyone caught doing this in the future will face suspension or even lose their membership.



Divots & Pitch Marks

Look to the right at the cartoon, use this as memory jog to fix divots and pitchmarks as you find them even if they are not yours. Lets all do our part in keeping the course pristine.

Competition Presentations

As stated in the previous newsletter, we ask members who have good scores to determine if they are a chance to win the competition before they go home. Then either make an apology to the scorer, Captain or Vice Captain or make an effort to stay or come back for the presentation. The other alternative is to get someone to represent you at the presentation.

Illegal Drivers

The R&A have produced a list of illegal drivers that came into effect on the 1st January 2008. There is a link to this list on the club website. With direction from the WA Golf Association there will be no checking of these drivers in any competition held at the club. It only comes into play for competition where the handicap limit is 4.4. (ie State Amateur Championship) It is left to each member to take whatever action they deem correct in this matter, taking into consideration the personal situation of each member in regards to cost outlay to replace these drivers. Members may wish to consider this in future purchases of drivers however.

2008 Rule Changes

Apart from the above the R&A have also introduced some new rule changes effective 1st January 2008, this are listed below. Rule books are available in the clubhouse.

General: The changes to the Rules generally fall into two broad categories: (1) those that improve the clarity of the Rules and (2) those that reduce the penalties in certain circumstances to ensure that they are proportionate. **Definitions Advice** — Amended to allow the exchange of information on distance, as it is not considered to be “advice.” **Lost Ball** — Amended to clarify substituted ball issues and to include the concept of “stroke-and-distance” (see corresponding changes to Rules 18-1, 24-3, 25-1c, 26 and 27-

1).Matches — Definition withdrawn and replaced by two new Definitions, “Forms of Match Play” and “Forms of Stroke Play.”

Rule 1-2. Exerting Influence on Ball — Note added to clarify what constitutes a serious breach of Rule 1-2.

Rule 4-1. Form and Make of Clubs — Amended to reduce the penalty for carrying, but not using, a non-conforming club or a club in breach of Rule 4-2, from disqualification to the same as carrying more than 14 clubs.

Rule 12-1. Searching for Ball; Seeing Ball — Amended to include searching for a ball in an obstruction.

Rule 12-2. Identifying Ball — Amended to allow a player to lift his ball for identification in a hazard (see corresponding change to Rule 15-3, removing the exemption from penalty for playing a wrong ball in a hazard).

Rule 13-4. Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions — Exception 1 amended for clarification; Exception 2 amended to refer to

Rule 13-2; Exception 3 added to exempt a player from penalty under Rule 13-4a (testing the condition of the hazard) in certain circumstances.

Rule 14-3. Artificial Devices, Unusual Equipment and Unusual Use of Equipment — Amended to refer to the unusual use of equipment (see also new Exception on use of equipment in a traditionally accepted manner) and new Exception added for players with a legitimate medical reason to use an artificial device or unusual equipment.

Note added to clarify that a Local Rule may be introduced allowing the use of distance-measuring devices; previously authorized by Decision only.

Rule 15-2. Substituted Ball — Exception added to avoid a “double penalty” when the player incorrectly substitutes a ball and plays from a wrong place (see corresponding change to Rule 20-7c).

Rule 15-3. Wrong Ball — Amended to remove the exemption from penalty for playing a wrong ball in a hazard (see corresponding change to Rule 12-2, allowing the player to lift a ball for identification in a hazard).

Rule 16-1e. Standing Astride or on Line of Putt — Exception added to apply no penalty if the act was inadvertent or to avoid standing on another player’s line of putt; previously authorized by Decision only.

Rule 18. Ball at Rest Moved — Penalty statement amended to avoid a “double penalty” when the player lifts a ball without authority and incorrectly substitutes a ball (see related changes to Rules 15-2 and 20-7c).

Rule 18-1. Ball at Rest Moved; By Outside Agency — Note added to clarify the procedure when a ball might have been moved by an outside agency.

Rule 19-2. Ball in Motion Deflected or Stopped By Player, Partner, Caddie or Equipment — Amended to reduce the penalty in both match play and stroke play to one stroke.

Rule 20-3a. Placing and Replacing; By Whom and Where — Amended to reduce the penalty for having the wrong person place or replace a ball to one stroke.

Rule 20-7c. Playing from Wrong Place; Stroke Play — Note added to avoid a “double penalty” when the player plays from a wrong place and incorrectly substitutes a ball (see corresponding change to Rule 15-2).

Rule 24-1. Movable Obstruction — Amended to allow a flagstick, whether attended, removed or held up, to be moved when a ball is in motion.

Rule 24-3. Ball in Obstruction Not Found;

Rule 25-1c. Ball in Abnormal Ground Condition Not Found;

Rule 26-1. Water Hazards (Including Lateral Water Hazards);

Rule 27-1. Stroke and Distance; Ball Out of Bounds; Ball Not Found Within Five Minutes –

In the above four Rules, the term “reasonable evidence” has been replaced by “known or virtually certain” when determining whether a ball that has not been found may be treated as lost in an obstruction (Rule 24-3), an abnormal ground condition (Rule 25-1) or a water hazard (Rule 26-1). See corresponding change to Definition of “Lost Ball” and Rule 18-1.

Golf Results

Golf in December started with one of our major ambrose events for the year being the Harvey Norman annual event on Sunday 2nd December. We thank Wayne Bradbury again for his wonderful sponsorship of this event and look forward to it being on the schedule for many years to come. This year over 100 players enjoyed a great day, with the winners being Rob Hogan/Darren Nichols/Anthony Ant 56, runners up being Kale Potter/Steve Potter/LesWorthington 56 ½. Carmel Watts however proved you don't have to have a good score to win by winning the bar fridge in the draw at presentations.

Just proves be there at presentations and you can be a winner without the hard yakka. Other winners during the month were;

Date	Comp	Sponsor	Winners
Sat 1/12	Stableford	Naturaliste Settlements	B.Ninyette 42, r/up D.Nicholls 41 D.Morgan 39,r/up J.Frimston 35
Tue 4/12	Stroke	Frank Frimston	J.Gardiner 70, r/up M.Edwards 71
Thur 6/12	Stableford	Barbecues Galore	J.McCauley 44,r/up M.Clarke 41
Sat 8/12	Par	RME Dunsborough	T.White +3,r/up D.Robinson +3 D.Evdokimoff SQ,r/up S.Mitchell-2
Tue 11/12	Stableford	Keith Green	J.Gardner 41,r/up T.Espinos 38
Thur 13/12	Stableford	Premium Building Supplies	L.Falconer-Clerk 42,r/up B.Dawson 40
Sat 15/12	Stableford	Flynn's Smash Repairs	B.Denney 39,r/up G.Domoney 39 D.Evdokimoff 40,r/up B.Myers37
Tue 18/12	4BBB S/Ford	N.Kosovich/T.Espinos	G.Carr/G.Owens 45,r/up D.Pinnock/O.Isbel 43
Thur 20/12	Stableford	Rob Hogan Transport	R.Grisbrook 39,r/up P.Fullarton 38 D.Morgan 71,r/up J.Mountney 72
Thur 27/12	Stableford	Albies Bar & Bistro	l.Mangano 42,r/up M.Henderson 41
Sat 29/12	Par	Heron Lake Vineyard	B.Gore +5,r/up J.Schuts +5