



ON PAR

Peter Preece Scores an Ace



On a very cold and frosty morning the field were sent off from the 6th to start the comp to allow the frost on the 2nd to melt on Saturday the 18th of July.

Before starting his round, Peter Preece purchased a sleeve of new balls for the game but when he found he had to tee off on the 6th first up, he dug an old ball out of his bag fearing he would probably put it in the water. That's the ball that now gets mounted for his Hole In One feat after hitting an ace with his 20 degree hybrid, a club he bought for \$20 off President Trevor who thought it was no good. He's happy to sell it back to Trevor for \$200. Peter will now be registered on the Golf Tasmania/Wrest Point Hole In One register. He will receive an invitation to the Wrest Point Hole In One cocktail party later in the

year where his achievement will be recognised along with all other holes in one scored throughout the year by a Tasmanian in a Club competition. Each person will receive a certificate and a lapel badge for their achievement. Congratulations Peter.

Men's Foursomes Championships 2015

The Men's Foursomes Championship event was held on Saturday 25th of July and the Champions for this year are Malcolm Jarvis and Chris Wickham with a gross score of 126 over the 27 hole event. The handicap winners were Johnny & Peter Mitchell with a net score of 109.

Congratulations to the winners.



Tony Still in the Spotlight

Anyone watching the ABC News on Sunday 19 July would have seen Tony Coates' story and his bid to get to the World Amputee Golf Championships in Mexico next year. The ABC crew were at the Club filming Tony on Wednesday 15 July. They also interviewed President Trevor who said, "We're all in awe of him a bit, makes us bloody wild sometimes — he shows us up with one arm and we've got two and can't get near him.". Check out the ABC news website for Tony's story.



Cock O' Walk 2015

This event starts on Saturday 8th August with the qualifying 2 Ball Par round followed by the two person match play knockout event on the following four Sundays for the 16 pairs that qualify. The cuttable was held today (Sat 1 August) and the big money is on Kunta & Thompson, Mitchell & Montiero, Osbourne & Turner, Walton & Coates, Richardson and Crawford, Atkinson & Burk and Mathewson and Beveridge. Good luck to all who qualify next week.

Thirlstane Ladies Open Tournament

A good field is expected for the Ladies Open to be conducted on Friday 7th August 2015. The course will be closed for the majority of the event, but those wishing to play in the chicken run or social golf may be able to get on the course once the field has cleared the 10th. If you are intending on going out on the Friday after the Ladies event, please ensure that you have permission from the ladies and that you do not obstruct the tournament in any way.

From the Committee

Club Constitution

As previously advised, the Club Constitution has been re-written bringing it into line with the amended Model Rules as per the requirements of the Associations Incorporation (Model Rules) Regulations 2007.

The new Constitution also provides for the Club to make by-laws for the proper management of the Club. Other changes include allowing the Club to undertake electronic banking, making the Presidents of the Ladies and the Veterans ex-officio members of the General Committee and changing the titles of Senior Vice president and Vice President to Vice president and Deputy Vice President. A copy of the new DRAFT constitution has been placed on the General Committee Notice Board in the Club rooms. If you would like an electronic copy, please email your request to Hank Timmerman at hankandpat@beagle.com.au.

For the draft Constitution to come into effect, a Special General Meeting has been called for Tuesday 11 August 2015 at 7.30pm at the Club rooms and a quorum of at least 15 members is required. At least 60% of members attending must vote in favour of the new Constitution for it to be adopted.

A notice advertising the Special General Meeting was placed in the Advocate newspaper on Saturday 25th of July in compliance with Rule 12 of the current Constitution.

The President has requested your attendance at the meeting to ensure that the new Constitution is approved and implemented.

Chicken Runs to be Handicapped

The committee passed a motion to handicap the nine-hole chicken run events held each Friday. The Club is looking for a volunteer to put the scores into the system each week. The scores, once entered will be combined with the next nine hole card submitted by a player before any handicapping takes effect.

Marking of the cards will continue manually as has always been the case but the cards will be kept and recorded on the system for handicapping.

Changes to Stroke Indexes

Current stroke indexes for the holes require some adjustment based on the actual scoring on each hole as recorded by Slice over the past 18 months. The most difficult as well as the easiest holes according to the statistics are slightly different to what the current stroke index might suggest. Based on the stats and taking into account some rules regarding hole indexation the Match committee have recommended that the stroke index be amended as follows:

Hole	Mens Proposed	(Current)	Ladies Proposed	(Current)
1	3	3	3	5
2	17	15	15	15
3	7	11	5	3
4	9	9	9	11
5	5	1	1	1
6	15	13	17	17
7	13	7	7	7
8	11	17	13	13
9	1	5	11	9
10	4	4	4	6
11	18	16	16	16
12	8	12	6	4
13	10	10	10	12
14	6	2	2	2
15	16	14	18	18
16	14	8	8	8
17	12	18	14	14
18	2	6	12	10

The General Committee accepted the recommendation from the Match Committee but a date for the change has not yet been determined as a number of administrative processes will first need to be implemented. Members will be notified when the changes will come in to effect.

Policy regarding Cart Hire

Most members are aware that there are two x 2 seater electric golf carts available for hire by the Club. The carts do not belong to the Club, they are owned by one of our members, Keith Ives who has kindly allowed the Club the use of his buggies on a loan basis. The committee has determined that the carts can be available for hire to members for \$20 per cart, per round of golf. The money to be placed in a green fees envelope with the name of the hirer and handed over the bar. The rules regarding the use of Carts policy must be adhered to and any abuse of the carts will render the hirer ineligible to hire the carts in the future.

Match Committee

Use of Carts during a major or Championship Club Competition.

Members are reminded that during a major or Club Championship Competition at the Club, the policy regarding the use of carts must be adhered to. In particular the policy states that

- A medical certificate is no longer a requirement to use a Cart **except for Pennant and Club Championship events as well as any other major competition** as specifically determined by the Committee.

So in a major competition or Club Championship event, provided that the match committee has authorised the use of ride on carts in such events, members who already have medical certificates and are on the list of authorised cart users need not obtain another certificate, however, members who have not been previously authorised should obtain a medical certificate and ensure their name is included on the list of members approved to use a cart for such events.

What do the coloured squares next to some scores on Golfink actually mean?

Have you ever received a red square next to one of your game scores on Golfink? A red square in the first column generally indicates that the player has not submitted a score card, most likely because they didn't finish the round and the reason was not approved by the committee, or because they had a bad score and did not wish to have it recorded. It does not relate to a disqualification through a technicality such as not signing your card, such scores are still counted as far as handicapping is concerned but the player is generally ineligible to win a competition.

A player who receives five red squares against scores in their previous twenty games are given a provisional handicap which means they cannot win any event until such times as at least one of the five red square scores in the previous twenty games drops off the 20 most recent game scores of Golfink.

A player who has had to abandon play for a legitimate reason which is approved by the committee will have a yellow square next to that game entry on Golfink which means No Score - Approved. No penalty applies in such cases.

Make Sure Your Score is Right before you Sign your Card

A recent incident involving the recording of a wrong score on a scorecard highlights the importance of players checking the accuracy of their score cards before they are signed and handed in. With team events such as 2BBB and Aggregate Stableford, scores may be entered into the computer by the committee to ensure they are entered correctly in the proper teams. Many of our members are not computer literate and if mistakes are made, they take some time to correct. The rules of Golf do not require that players enter their scores into a computer, however Clubs may make their own local rules in relation to such entries.

Rule 6-6 '**Scoring In Stroke**' Play states:-

a. Recording Scores

After each hole the marker should check the score with the competitor and record it. On completion of the round the marker must sign the score card and hand it to the competitor. If more than one marker records the scores, each must sign for the part for which he is responsible.

b. Signing and Returning Score Card

After completion of the round, the competitor should check his score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the Committee. He must ensure that the marker or markers have signed the score card, sign the score card himself and return it to the Committee as soon as possible.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE 6-6b:

Disqualification.

c. Alteration of Score Card

No alteration may be made on a score card after the competitor has returned it to the Committee.

d. The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his scorecard. If he returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he is disqualified. If he returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned stands.

N.B. In relation to a stableford event there is no penalty if the number of points recorded is wrong however the number of strokes recorded must be accurate. The points are calculated by determining the number of strokes allowed in accordance with your handicap.

The competitor must ensure the card is recorded correctly before handing it to the committee. If the committee finds an error on the card relating to the number of strokes on a hole when entering it into the computer it cannot be corrected. If the number of strokes recorded is higher than what was taken, the recorded score stands. If the number of strokes recorded is lower than what was actually taken, the player is disqualified.

The Match Committee have determined that a member submitting a card for handicap purposes must ensure that the marker of the card submitted is a golfer with a current GA handicap on Golfink. A player cannot mark their own card if submitting the card for handicapping.

In competition, the marker must be a fellow competitor in the competition.

Handicap Gradings for Championship Events

Some members have recently expressed dissatisfaction with the current handicap divisions for Club competitions, many believing that Division 1 handicaps go out too high (currently 0 - 15). Divisions were created to provide for a relatively even number of players in each Division but the Match committee have listened to the members and have determined that in future, effective immediately, events played off the **blue** markers, such as championship events and monthly medals will be graded as follows:-

A Grade 1 - 12

B Grade 13 - 19

C Grade 20 - 36

regardless of the number of players in each grade in the field.

Competitors in all other handicap competitions will remain in Divisions 1,2 & 3 with

Div 1 generally being 0 - 15

Division 2 - 16 to 20

Div 3 - 21 to 36

depending on spread of handicaps in the field.

Laugh For The Month

One for the Girls

A woman was enjoying a good game of golf with her girlfriends.

"Oh, no!" she suddenly exclaimed. "Look at the time! I have to rush home and fix dinner for my husband! He'll be so pissed if it's not ready on time."

When she got home, she discovered all she had in the fridge was a wilted lettuce leaf, an egg, and a can of cat food. With no time to go to the supermarket, she opened the can of cat food, stirred in the egg, and garnished it with the lettuce leaf. She greeted her husband warmly when he came home, and then watched in horror as he sat down to his dinner. To her surprise, he seemed to be enjoying it.

"Darling, this is the best dinner you've made me in 40 years of marriage! You can make this for me any day?" Needless to say, every golf day from then on, the woman made her husband the same dish. She told her golf partners about it, and they were all horrified.

"You're going to kill him!" they exclaimed!?

Two months later, her husband died.

The women were sitting around the clubhouse, and one of them said,

"You killed him! We told you that feeding him that cat food every week would do him in! How can you just sit there so calmly knowing you murdered your husband?"

The wife stoically replied, "I didn't kill him. He fell off the window sill while he was licking his arse."