



Captain & Course & Match Report

February 2016

We are nearly at the end of summer and so far the course has held up very well. Adrian and his staff have done a great job over this time and the fairways and greens are in fantastic condition. Adrian has a report attached that will give you an idea of the work they are performing.

Results - congratulations to Leighton Knowles who defeated David Patmore in the final of the Nettlefold Cup.

J Stopp Medal of Medals - will be played in conjunction with the March Monthly Medal on 5 March. This year we have agreed to align the Medal of Medals to the calendar year, so medal winners from Oct 2014-Dec 2015 will be represented.

Other representative events – Matt Glover, David Pretzman, Eli Stanley and Pater Leary will also represent the club in the Claremont shield in March while Gus Burrell and Oli DeVries will represent the SMGA.

Course & Match Committee

Hazard on the 1st - changes have been made to the hazard to the left of the first hole, including making the hazard line much clearer.

This is a good time to remind us of the definition for a lateral water hazard (red markers):

A lateral water hazard is a water hazard so situated that it is not possible, or is not practicable, to drop a ball behind the water hazard in accordance with Rule 26-1b (see your rule book).

[This link](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uByDf9wq-w) is video that goes through the options.
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Therefore on the first hole:

- you should drop your ball within two club lengths, no nearer the hole, from the point that the ball crossed the hazard, OR
- if you can't drop your ball, not nearer the hole then you should use the drop zone.

While we're on rules, have look at [this video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d74k_h6lEA8)
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- provisional ball (27-2),
- unplayable ball (28), and
- dropping and redropping (20-2).

Also the first hole has recently been taking longer than the allocated tee times to play, leading to delays in teeing off. To alleviate this problem we will be moving to 10 min tee times. This does mean that we will be limited to 144 players in the field that we should be able to accommodate and we will be monitoring how this goes.

Slow Play – whether you are a hare or a tortoise on the course, we all come to the club to enjoy our game. However, we must all keep an eye on the pace of play and

endeavour to hold your place in the field. That means that you should not let the group in front be more than one full hole ahead. Your place in the field is not in front of the group behind you, but behind the group in front of you. Please consider the following points to make your game, and that of your fellow members, more enjoyable.

Play ready golf. That means:

1. Hit when ready, don't be dictated by honour.
2. If you have a long hitter in your group, consider that person hitting off last to save time waiting for a group to clear the fairway.
3. Watch the shots of others in your group until the ball has stopped to reduce search time.
4. From tee to green move directly to your ball. (ie not waiting for your group members to play before walking to your ball.)
5. Consider club selection as you approach your ball.
6. Play when ready, provided it does not interfere with other members of the group.
7. Position your buggy to the side of the green where you will walk to the next tee.
8. Prepare to putt before it is your turn (ie. get the line of the putt while you are waiting), so you can walk to your ball and putt.
9. Move from the green to the next tee and hit off as quickly as possible.
10. If a member is slow between holes, consider them putting out first and commencing to move to the next tee (i.e.: walk to 2nd tee).
11. Mark your card after teeing off if you are first to hit.
12. Be prepared to let other groups hit up and pass you during the progress of a hole if you have lost your place in the field.

Respect others with your actions and words:

1. Recognise weather and conditions may impact on the speed of play.
2. If you are in carts, accept that the pace of play will be at a solid walking pace, not the speed of your cart or group's play.

Continually waiting to play or being harassed from the group behind is not enjoyable. A slight adjustment to playing practices can easily result in a saving of a minute a hole which will make quite a difference to us all.

Your assistance with this will be greatly appreciated.

Jason Smith

On behalf of the Course and Match Committee

Course Superintendent's Report - January 2016

Water

Rainfall for the month was 32mm. Main dam remains approx 90% full.

Quinns Lake is at 100% with Browns River approx.100mm over the inlet.

Traveling Irrigators are currently running every day including Saturdays and Sundays, Summer Root decline means more frequent watering on Greens and Tees. We balance Irrigation quantities against the Evaporation Rate calculated by the Bureau of Meteorology coupled with the differing crop factors and soil types throughout the course. This gives us our average ET (evapotranspiration) rate. Currently we are able to replace 100% of ET on Greens, Tees and Surrounds and approx 80% on the centre of fairways. The roughs and edges of fairways are not receiving direct Irrigation and are therefore deteriorating.

Staff

December and early January was one of the more challenging periods with Brad Palmer accepting the position as Superintendent at Llanherne Golf Club, we were left with 3 staff for 5 weeks during the peak stress period.

Junior member Eli Stanley commenced his probation as Introduction to Greenkeeper on the 12th January.

Greens

Greens are cut five times per week at 2mm and rolled twice a week

Treated with wetting agent 5th of Jan, treated with fungicide 14th Jan, treated with Insecticide and Wetting agent 18th of Jan.

Verti-drained 5th of Jan 8mm solid, single pass, 50mm spacing, 100mm depth, groomed 21st of Jan

Greensmaster mower was back lapped 5th, 12th, 18th and 28th Jan ,fertigated 14th, 28th of Jan, treated with Ferrous Sulfate 14th of Jan

Tees - tees are cut twice a week at 12mm, fertigated once a week with 18-5-19, Sidewinder was back lapped 5th Jan and 18th of Jan. Tee surrounds were mown at 75mm.

Surrounds - surrounds are cut twice per week at 12mm

Fairways - fairways are cut twice per week at 20mm, Jacobsen back lapped, rollers adjusted 5th and , 18th of Jan.

Roughs - tidied up as required.

Bunkers - raked once per week, sprayed with Glyphosate 19/1.

Holes, markers and sand - once per week.

Discussion points - irrigation software upgrade completed still awaiting internet installation at shed to enable off site access.

General - the rain event starting 24th of Jan and continuing through to the end of the month yielded 30mm and has caused early signs of black algae on greens and dollar spot in surrounds, tees and fairways.

Thank you - Paul Lowry and Paul Jolley continue to volunteer on a weekly basis, and David and Toni Anne Nejman have started painting tee signs, seats, bins etc.

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Course Superintendent