

KBGC News

Friday night dinners continue to be very popular however it would be greatly appreciated if you could book in advance rather than just roll up on the day to ensure kitchen staff are able to adequately cater for the numbers attending. Dinner commences from 5pm and you can book at the office.

Golf Carts

Golf Carts have become an increasingly common sight around the course at KBGC. Whilst they are designed to travel at modest speeds to minimise damage to the course and their occupants it is worthwhile to remind users that they do go fast enough to cause accidents and injuries. A quick search of the internet will readily reveal just how common golf cart accidents are. A recent incident on our course demonstrates that despite our relatively flat layout, cart accidents can still happen. A cart crossing a fairway became hooked in the guide wire of a travelling sprinkler causing the cart to overturn causing not insignificant injuries to the unfortunate passenger. This incident also highlights the importance of observing the club's policy on the use of carts on the course;

- Drive the cart on the edge of the fairway unless otherwise directed e.g. during wetter months;
- Wherever possible keep carts at least ten metres away from tees, greens and bunkers;
- Keep carts well away from expensive sprinkler systems,



Foursomes Championships

The club Foursomes Championships will be held over 18 holes on Saturday 25th March 2017. In addition to the trophy for the best gross score there is also a best nett winner, so if you want to try a different golfing format as a relief from individual stableford let Brett in the pro shop know and arrange a time in one of the allocated groupings.

The event is also a qualifying event for the prestigious C.B. Davies Cup with the top 4 qualifying pairs competing in a handicap matchplay format. The cup was first awarded in 1927 to Dr R. Sweetnam and E.T. Boddam. Add your name to this historical cup which is on regular display in the clubhouse.

Ready Play Concept

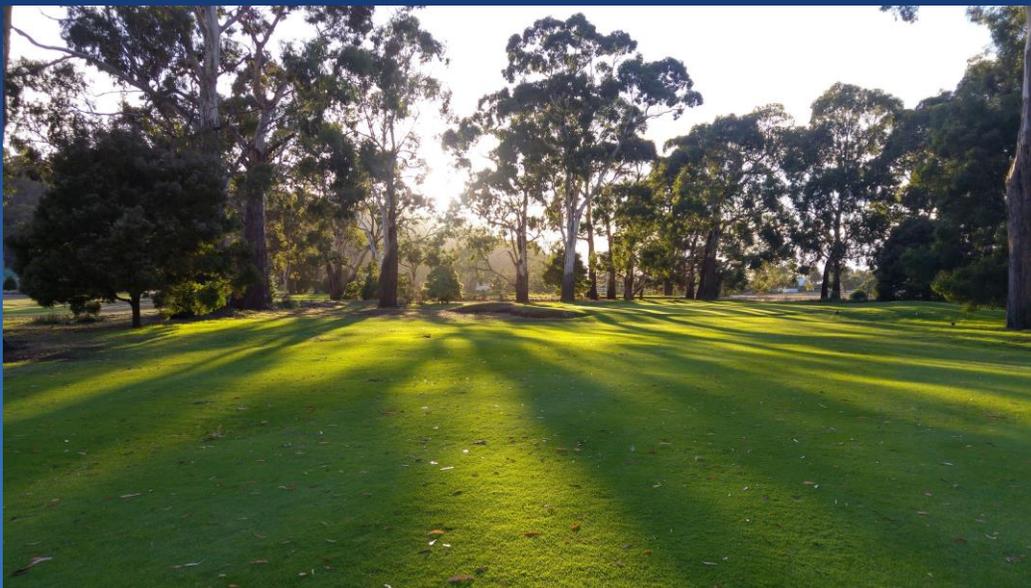
The pace of play remains a problem in both men and ladies event. Regardless of whether or not a competition is in progress you should always be cognisant of your position in the field, particularly where you have clear holes ahead. Slow play is not only annoying to those who stand and wait, it also diminishes the overall enjoyment of the game and can adversely affect shot making. If you find you are holding up the group behind, you are required to find the earliest opportunity to let them through. This can be done most easily on a par three where both groups can play their tee shots and then stand aside whilst the following group plays out. Other ways to speed up play include;

- Moving off the green promptly;
- Deferring marking your scores until the next opportunity arises e.g. whilst waiting to play your shot on the next hole;
- Moving promptly to your ball rather than moving as a group to the next ball to be played;
- Taking your putter as well as your chipper to the green; and
- Tee off if you are ready to play, regardless of who has won the honour.

Medal of Medals

The Medal of Medals is an annual stroke competition contested by the 12 monthly medallists over the previous year. The event is an Honour Board competition and was named in memory of former member John Stopp in recognition of his long service to the club and a financial legacy used to improve the first tee. During his time at the club John won the Nettlefold Cup in 1964 and two club foursomes championships in 1986 and 1987. He also served as Club Captain in 1965-1968 and again in 1973-1974. He was also President from 2003-2005. Congratulations to this year's winner Neil Wade.

Aaaah, the Serenity!



Mens Pennant Results

We have experienced mixed results so far in pennant;

Division 1 started the season with a strong away win (5.5-1.5) against Huon Valley and followed that up with a very creditable (5-2) loss against the powerful Tasmania team on their home ground. They say it is unlucky to shoot an albatross but Gus Burrell would probably disagree after scoring a two on the 14th hole at Tasmania and then going on to win his match 1 up.

Division 4 started the season somewhat disappointingly with a 6-1 loss away to Royal Hobart but put in a much better performance losing a close match against Pittwater 4-3.

Division 8 have experienced difficulties in getting a consistent group of players together but still won their first match convincingly against Tasmania 6-1 before away losses to Orford and New Norfolk.

MyGolf

KBGC has been named the MyGolf Centre of the month for Feb 2017. It is a wonderful achievement and great recognition for all involved.

MyGolf is Australia's national junior introductory program to develop and promote participation in golf. The 10 week introductory program to golf is designed for 5 to 12 year olds.

We have also received a plaque from Golf Australia recognising the achievement. Congratulations to all those who helped to organise and run the sessions including; Toni Brown, Steve Rice, Mike Johnson, Clare Furness, Cam Johnson, Fran and Jason Smith, Tony Lorkin, John St Hill, Rob Newton, Sally Edwards, Brett Johns, Chris Ricketts, Stuart Clark, Rod Jones and uncle Tom Cobbley.

New Pump and Filter

The bearings on the motor of the pump at Quinns lake recently burnt out leaving the green keeping staff with no way to get water from the feeder dam. The motor was around 20 years old and was undoubtedly due for replacement. The life of the pump had been extended about six years ago by cobbling together a self flushing filter using donated parts but the pump had become increasingly problematic. The motor was repaired as a matter of priority as the main irrigation dam held only approximately 7-14 days of water. An additional benefit of the new motor and filter is an estimated additional 20% pressure.



Ladies Golf News

Recent Monthly Medal winners were Di Cook in February) with a 68 Nett and S Kovalskis (March) with a 72 Nett. Sally Edwards won the Golf Tasmania 2017 Womens B Grade Championship with Chris Mathers runner up. Jane Hyland won the Gross Champion at the WGTS 18 hole Open Championship and was also runner up in the Div1 Nett.

Two new Players have had wins in their first 18 hole games with Chris Dwyer 38 Stableford points and Cathy Strudwick with 42 points. Elaine Jackett and Annette Johnson have also been playing consistently well since they joined the 18 hole field with Chris Dwyer carding another 40 stableford points.

Scratch Foursomes - KBGC fielded 2 teams in Divs 2, 3, 4 and 1 in Div 1. Two teams made it through to the finals held at Kingston Beach on March 16. Congratulations to Sheila Kovalskis and Tricia Dixon (Div 3) and Sally Johnson and Anne Challen (Div 4) who won their respective divisions.

Swing Fit had 12 participants on its first Sunday and we now have 13 ladies registered and paid for the next 6 weeks. Zahara Lemon will be taking these activities with the help of Di Males who has been involved in the organisation with Golf Tasmania. A great effort from Di.

Earthworks

You may have noticed earthworks near the storage sheds/ boomgate. This was essential work to address a leakage from the enviro-cycle waste system. We are greatly indebted to Nigel Vince for his assistance and generous supply of equipment to locate the problem and rectify it and also in locating the source of a previously unknown water leak near the clubhouse.

The other earthworks on the 13th and 17th fairways will hopefully impact favourably on the low lying water issues that often beset those areas during the wetter months.

Golf Quotes

Golf is a game where you shout "fore," shoot six and write down five. - *Paul Harvey*

If you think its hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong ball - *Jack Lemmon*

Passing Parade

The club notes with sadness the passing of current and former members. Some of our friends that we lost in 2016 included;

- Dr Crawford Thompson Club Captain 1994-96;
- Mick Foster (Icy Pole);
- Bernie Beadle;

We offer our sincere condolences to their families and friends.

Membership Issues

Recent requests for a deferral of membership fees due to a short term absence from the club for travel or out of area holidays were discussed at length by the committee. Whilst the club will always give reasonable consideration for issues that enforce an extended absence such as ill health it should be recognised that membership is an annual payment determined by the actual cost of operating and maintaining the golf course over a full year. The club has resolved that requests for deferral for absences will still be considered by the committee but on a case by case basis.