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## Newsletter – April 2018

**Course Conditions** – no doubt you will have seen how well the course is now looking since the great rain that we have received over the past couple of months, even better that it has happened just prior to one of the Club's premier events, the Sandgate Cup.

Over the past couple of months we have had a couple of **working bees**, the Club would like to express it's appreciation to all those member's and other volunteers that have come down and assisted with some of the 'extra' duties that seem to come up, in the current week, (the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> April), we have had volunteers here on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and again on Friday, sprucing up various parts of the course, there are too many to name, and if I did I am sure I would miss a name or two, so to all those that have helped out thankyou very much for all the work put in, a lot of this weeks work has been in preparation for this Saturday and the Sandgate Cup. Also, a very big thank-you to our Grounds Staff, they have had some difficult conditions to contend with over the past month or so and have done a fantastic job in their work along with supervising all the volunteers, well done Kevin and Trent.

**Sandgate Cup** - at this point the starter sheet has been available in the Clubhouse for a couple of weeks and at present we have a good field, depending on timing and when this newsletter is released we still have a few spaces available, both in the early field and then in the later field as well. The entry fee is set at **\$20 per player** and includes all the N.T.P's on offer and a sausage sizzle, we wish all starters all the best.

**Just some housekeeping**, not just for the Cup, but for all to be aware of, all members should arrive well before their 'allotted' tee time and be ready to go to the first, just in case we either have had a cancellation and we need to move you up in the order, just because your normal tee off is a particular time, does not mean things change that are outside our control and we need everyone to be prepared.

It is every group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front, in almost every Saturday's competition, we are finding various groups falling behind, this holds up the entire field and just should not happen, so again keep up with the group in front, don't keep in front of the group behind. For this weekend the Sandgate Cup, we will have Marshall's out on the course, and there will be penalties applied to slow play.

**Lost Balls** – assuming you have played your shot, you have gone to where you believe the ball should be and you are unable to locate in the initial search, you must call the following group through, and then you have 5 minutes to search, if not found then return to where you hit from and re hit your shot taking the appropriate penalty.

**Motorised Buggies** – to all motorised buggy user's, it has come to our attention that in recent months a number of buggies have been driven and parked right up next to the green's, as member's

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you would all be aware you should be NO closer than 10 meters from any of the green's, please adhere to this, out on the course and use common sense.

**Calling people through** – another housekeeping item, if your group is holding up the groups behind, please ensure you call through the following group in order that play is not held up.

**Club Professional** - please be aware, Chris Chaplin our Club Professional is now doing more Coaching directly out of the Sandgate Golf Club, he is available for individual and or group lessons, we are also actively promoting Junior Golf and Clinics for Juniors through the school term. Chris is an experienced custom club fitter and can custom fit name brand clubs and offer advice on equipment. Chris now offers replacement of golf club grips and also replacement of soft spikes on golf shoes. There is more information on the Club Website should you wish to make contact.

**Club Website** - Brett Forrest our Club Captain has made a number of changes to the Club's Website, these changes have hopefully made it easier to Navigate around the Website, please take time to have a look.

**Club Sponsor's** – The Club has a new sponsor of the Sandgate Cup; The Village Taigum has come on board and is sponsoring the Sandgate Cup and will also sponsor some of our Lady's competitions along with some of the Club's Saturday competitions.

The Golf Guru's remain a sponsor of the club, sponsoring the approach to the 9<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> green on Monthly Medal days and also the Senior's, Veterans and Vintage Championships.

Drummond Golf Virginia have recently come on board as a sponsor of the Club and they are sponsoring our Project Days.

If you are able, please try and support our sponsors.

**Eclectic Competition** – Congratulations to Ray Howe, Shane Rhind and Cameron Boal 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in the latest competition which closed recently. Any member that is not in the Eclectic competition and would like to, please see the Club House and they will assist.

**Golf Queensland Volunteer of the Year award** – recently the Club received a request for nominations for a Volunteer of the Year, the Club nominated Kevin Madsen, for his commitment, dedication and relentless work that Kevin does for the Club, unfortunately Kevin was not the ultimate recipient of this award, however a certificate acknowledging Kevin's work and achievement was received and presented to Kevin last Saturday morning, congratulations Kevin.

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