

Sandgate Golf Club Newsletter

17 January 2015

The Committee would like to welcome everyone to the 2015 golf season at Sandgate. We hope you had a great festive season and are looking forward to playing good golf in the coming year.

Welcome to new members – Welcome to all new members of the Club over the last few months. We hope you all enjoy your experience at Sandgate and hope you find many new friends amongst us.

Opening Day - The Opening Day of the 2015 Season is **Saturday 3rd January**. This event is an honour board event and is sponsored by our Club Patron, Mr. Greg Lane. It is a 4BBB stableford event with trophies for both the men and ladies. Greg has been invited to the presentation of the trophies that will occur at the end of the competition on the Saturday afternoon.

Sandgate Cup – Will be held for the men on **Saturday April 11th**. As per previous years this is a major fundraising event for the Club. Visitors are welcome and we are likely to have a full field for the event. We will need assistance with doing some jobs on the day, even an hour or so would be appreciated. If you are able to help out on the day, please place your name on a list that will be placed on a notice board in the Clubhouse in February. More details on this will follow as the date draws closer.

5h Green redevelopment – Thank you for your patience whilst we wait for the 5th green to stabilise and improve from the recent redevelopment. It is coming on at a steady pace and the recent rain has been very welcome. We expect the green to be ready on or before the Sandgate Cup in April. In the next week or so we expect the bunker surrounding the rear and left side of the green to be dug. News from Steve Jeffery (Course Director) is that it will be one continuous bunker to replace the previous two that used to be there. Something for us to look forward to!!

Welcome rain – The recent rain has been very welcome for the course and with the fertiliser that was spread before the main rain event arrived just before Christmas, has meant that the grass is growing at a very quick rate. The fairways are currently being mowed 3 times a week, and one day last week, we had 4 mowers in operation at once! The greens were rolled by Steve's team last week and they plan to roll them twice a week from now on whilst growing season is in full swing.

Water update – We have received a new water quality report about the underground water and the committee is requesting further investigation and advice from the experts about the quality of the water and what it might take to get it to a useable quality for our course. We are obtaining further advice from the experts before the committee will consider all of the possibilities in regards to our options. Further information will be passed once the committee has made a decision.

Honour Board – Updates to the honour board for last year's winners has been planned and will be completed in the next week, and will be ready by opening day, 31 January.

Compulsory call Up's on the Par 3's – Please remember the rule we instigated last year about calling up of the following group when playing the Par 3's. Please stand behind the back of the green when the following group play their shot, and then resume play as soon as the last player in that group has played their tee shot. We are in the process of making up some signs to help us all remember this change in the way we play the par 3's.

Speed of play – We have all heard it before. "It's not me, it is my playing partners". "It's my day and I will take as long as I like". "The group in front are running". There are a number of reasons for a group to fall behind, but despite those

reasons there are two things every golfer should remember. Your place in the field is right behind the group in front, not just in front of the group behind, and developing an awareness of what is going around you. If your group is falling behind then the first two players to putt out should go on ahead and tee off on the next hole. We need to very conscious of this fact as we move into the cooler months as the daylight hours drop off and traditionally the number of players we have on the course increases. Thanks for your attention to this very important issue!

Committee for 2015 – Thanks to the following people who are representing you by being on the Management Committee for the Club for the current year. Please feel free to talk to one of the Committee if you have an item to discuss or an idea to share – we are here to help you as best we can.

President - Peter Watson	Vice President - Lex Hughes
Treasurer - Peter Coddington	House Director - Kevin Madsen
Course Director - Steve Jeffery	Mens Captain - Brett Forrest
Ladies Captain - Vicki Gannon	Mens Vice Captain - Col Gilmore
Ladies Vice Captain - Diana Little	Handicap Manager - Robert Gannon

Website – Our website www.sandgategc.com.au is being maintained again this year with details of the competitions to be played in the coming months. Another popular page to visit is the “Results Page” which contains a listing of all the previous competitions held over the last 18 months or so. New results will be posted online before 7pm on Saturday evenings following the competition and as soon as I can get them uploaded during the week. We list the results of the following competitions;

- Saturday (both mens and ladies)
- Tuesday (ladies)
- Wednesday
- Thursday Club Day (1st Thursday of the month)
- Monday Veteran’s competition (will be included from now on)

We hope you all have an enjoyable year of golf at Sandgate this year!

Brett Forrest

Mens Captain

(On behalf of the Management Committee).

Vicki Gannon

Ladies Captain

