

Sandgate Golf Club Newsletter

24 October 2015

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.

Men's Championship date change for the 4th Round – Please note that the Committee has changed the date for the fourth round of the Club Championships **from Sunday 25th October to Saturday 31st October**. Since we made the change we have heard some member's complain about the decision as they have made plans around the dates published in the Fixture book. The Committee made the decision to change the date to 4 continuous Saturday's to ensure that we had more than 10 players turn up and play the final round, which was likely to occur if we had the final game on a Sunday. The Committee believes we have done the right thing for the Club as a whole, but if you have been disadvantaged by the change, we apologise to you. Remember the Committee has the right to change the competitions when they see fit and will do so if we can see an improvement for the Club as a whole.

No shows – We continue to see a number of players fail to turn up for their allotted tee times on a Saturday morning. This is disappointing and makes managing the competition a little harder than it needs to be particularly when we are trying to play a 4 Ball or partnered competition. Please show your fellow club members some courtesy and ring the Club as soon as you can when you know you are not going to be able to make your tee time. We normally open the Club from about 5:45am on a Saturday morning, so there is no real excuse that you can't make that phone call to let us know that you can't make it. Anita is here until at about 5pm on a Friday afternoon and she would love to talk to you if you know you then that you can't make your time slot on Saturday.

Trophy/Christmas Function – We are holding our Trophy Night Presentation and Christmas Dinner on **Saturday 5th December**. Please keep this date free. Arrangements are still being finalised, but the night will be similar to last year where we will have a sit down meal with drinks in the Clubhouse, some music playing in the background and the trophy presentation to our Honour Board winners also made during the night.

AGM and Jack Dwyer Memorial Day – To be held on Sunday 13th December. The AGM will start at 9:30am (a bit later than last year) which will then be followed by a BBQ Brunch, with tee off for the Jack Dwyer Memorial Day, 4 Ball Ambrose being about 11am. If members could consider bringing in a gift for our Christmas Hamper Raffle/s over the next couple of weeks that would be greatly appreciated. We will draw the Christmas Raffles on this day.

Course looking great at present - A special mention must also be made about how great our course looks at present and how it has looked good for so long this year! This is of course due to all the wonderful work Steve Jeffery and his team (Kevin Green, Lindsay Sundgren, Trent Knapp, Benny Ball and Kevin Madsen) have been doing to improve the course and having it look as good as it does. WELL DONE TEAM – we appreciate your efforts!

Water update – You have probably heard by now that we were successful in our latest application for a Grant! We were approved to receive the sum of \$35,000, which we requested to assist us to supply and build a water storage tank which will hold approx 252,000 litres of bore water we intend to pump up from the underground bore that is situated near the pond which runs between the left hand side of the 7th fairway and the railway line fence. You will notice that the initial ground works have been commenced near the fence between the car park and the Men's first tee. This is where the tank will be located when it is completed. We anticipate the building work will be done over the next couple of months. We intend to use the water we source from the underground bore to primarily water the fairways to sustain the course during the dry periods we have when our grass suffers and has traditionally died off. Potentially we also have the option

to use the bore water to water the tees and greens to reduce our use of town water which we use now, which of course will reduce our water costs over time. All in all this is extremely good news for the Club and hopefully we will see the results of the successful grant early in the New Year!!

Website – Remember to check our website www.sandgategc.com.au to see the results of competitions played during the week and in particular the popular Saturday comps. I try my hardest to get the results loaded by about 7pm on a Saturday evening, so I encourage you if you have internet access to look to see how you performed against the rest of the field in the Comps. This is a good way we can get news through to the members in a cost effective and efficient way, so if you have internet access, we encourage you to use this method to stay in touch with what's going on around the Club. The more the site is used, the more we will see the benefit in keeping it up to date. (The results for the period the Men's Captain was away on holidays (September to early October) have also been recently updated, so look back a few web pages to see how you went over the last 2 months or so.

Course maintenance – Bunker rakes – Remember to please NOT put the rake at the edge of the bunker as you exit it. Please think about the player's following you and where their ball may end up if it trickles into the bunker and gets caught up against the handle at the very fringe of the bunker. The correct action after you have finished raking the bunker is to place (or throw) it at least 1 metre (3 – 4 feet) from the edge of the bunker, with the handle running roughly parallel to the direction of the tee to the green. An example is shown in the photo below.



Competitions – Just a reminder that we hold the following competitions at the Club and we welcome Members and their guests to play at any relevant time;

- Saturday (both men and ladies)
- Monday Veteran's (both men and ladies) competition (over 55 years)
- Tuesday (ladies)
- Wednesday Medley (both men and ladies)
- Thursday Club Day Medley (1st Thursday of the month – both men and ladies)
- The Tuesday / Thursday Social Club plays every Tuesday and Thursday. Please see Kevin, Wendy or a member of the Committee for further details.

We hope you continue to enjoy the rest of your golf in the lead up to Christmas on the great looking Sandgate Golf Course!

Brett Forrest
Men's Captain

Vicki Gannon
Ladies Captain

(On behalf of the Management Committee).

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