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FOR THE INFORMATION OF MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

## FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

The qualifying round for the Foursomes Championships is coming up next Saturday - the 12<sup>th</sup> June. Members who want to be in the running must play in the Foursomes Stroke event on that day, they must place an 'X' on their scorecard and they must be available for the next three Saturdays to play in the knock-out rounds. If you can't commit to play on all of those days, you may play in the Foursomes event but please do not mark your card with the 'X'. For those who don't wish to play a Foursomes event, there will be a Singles Stableford competition as well. The Championship is played in A Grade, B Grade and Seniors. A Grade is for teams with handicaps between 0 to 15 and B Grade between 15 1/2 to 36. A team handicap is half of the combined individual handicaps of the team members. To qualify for the Seniors division, there is no handicap limit but both players must be 50 years or older. Seniors can qualify for both grade and Seniors but to be eligible for the Seniors Championships, which are played after the grade competitions are completed, a team must place an 'S' on their qualifying round scorecard. The top eight scratch scores in A and B grade and the top four scratch score in the Seniors division go through to the scratch matchplay knockout rounds.

## NEW SYSTEM THE CAUSE OF A SWINGS ROUNDABOUT

Since the commencement of the new handicap system, it has become very apparent that there are many more (and bigger) weekly alterations taking place both in losing shots and

getting them back. The theory is that it will settle down within a reasonable period of time. In conversation around the Club, it seems evenly divided with some members are very pleased at getting shots back with others not sure whether to be happy or not at their suddenly acquired 'skills'.

## BE THERE FOR THE CASH

The Friday cash jackpot draw last week was up to a highly tempting \$1600 but it seems that the winner decided to stay home that night. The pot is fattened by a further \$100 each week so bring along the family and friends, enjoy dinner and the opportunity to win meat and fruit trays plus the big \$1700 cash draw.

## THE 19<sup>th</sup> HOLE

Stay for a drink, a coffee or just a chat but the Saturday presentations are proving to be worth waiting for just for the opportunity of listening to the general comments from members. Plus there's always the chance of taking out the Joker Draw. Last Saturday Rod Hartas missed the jackpot of \$185 when he drew the 7 of spades. The Saturday card draws for players on the day still in the Clubhouse were won for the AM field with David Cauchi taking the \$100 and for the PM field, our President himself, Mervyn Cross scored the hundred bucks. The Guzzlers mug went to Chris McCrudden.

## PENNANTS & A TROPHY

The Masters Pennants competition for 2010 has commenced with Windsor winning their first 2 matches but losing to Wallacia at Wallacia Golf Course by 5 matches to 2 1/2.

The Ray McKenzie Trophy, a 36-hole Mixed 4BBB Aggregate Stableford competition, is gazetted for Sunday

## Captain's Corner

Trevor Bartley

### WINNERS IN MAY

**May Medals:** A Grade: Matt Etherington (11) 67; B Grade: Peter Langan (18) & Billy Troy (14) 65 to play-off; C Grade: Tim Bourne (26) 67; Junior: Billy Troy (14) 65, play-off w/Jake Ross (14) 73

### Brian Kennedy Match Play:

Josh Clarke d. Jake Ross 1 up

### NSW Mens Fourball

**Qualifiers:** Alex Martyn & Brett Turpin

### Reserves:

Craig Simmons & Chris Osterlund, Peter Wakefield & Ted Silman, John Catania & Stephen Paris

### NSW Mixed Fourball

**Qualifiers:** Pam McMahon & Terry McMahon

**Reserves:** Lorna Allan & John Clark, June Monaghan & Bob Monaghan, Pat Ogden & Des Ogden

### EVENTS COMING UP

**Wed 2nd June:** Pro Shop Trophy - First round. Second round - 9th June.

**Sat 12th June:** Qualifying for Men's Foursomes. Mark 'X' on your card to qualify. Mark 'S' on your card to qualify for Seniors. You must be able to play all rounds.

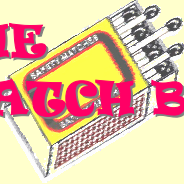
**Sun 4th July:** Ray McKenzie Trophy - First round. Second round - 11th July.

the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July. Members only are eligible to win the trophy.

# PITCH MARKS !

If you're GOOD ENOUGH  
to make 'em .....

## THE MATCH BOX



### Divots and Lob Marks - A Plea from the Heart

Please, please, please repair your divots and lob marks (and those left un-repaired by others, if you can fit them in without delaying play). As most will know from their own backyards, grass grows slowly at this time of year, so un-repaired divots

and lob marks will be with us until spring unless they are repaired promptly. This is your course – please help look after it.

### The Garden Behind the 2nd Green

We have had many queries about how to proceed if your ball ends up in this recently established garden. Our Local Rule 3 says:

#### GROUND UNDER REPAIR - PLAY PROHIBITED

All cultivated gardens and the nursery green area to the left of the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway.

This area is very clearly a garden and is also equally clearly, cultivated and is therefore treated as *Ground Under Repair: Play prohibited* in accordance with the above Local Rule.

That means that you cannot play from the garden but MUST take relief by dropping at your nearest point of relief. There is no penalty for taking relief but if you fail to do so, a two stroke penalty applies as listed in the Local Rules.

(For a more detailed explanation of GROUND UNDER REPAIR - PLAY PROHIBITED see Page 128 of the Rules of Golf )

## IN PURSUIT OF OUR HISTORY



The Windsor Country Golf Club's History Group would like to thank all of those members who helped create a successful inaugural WCGC History Trivia night. Attendance (130) at the Trivia night was beyond our expectations and all opinions canvassed reflected a great time being had by all. Even more gratifying was the \$3,000 that the function and raffles raised around towards our aim of recording the first 50 years of our Club's history in written form by our 50th birthday in 2013.

We really appreciated the support of our sponsors for the night so we ask, in turn, that members support them where possible. They are:  
Keegan's Harvey Norman, Blakes Marine, Home Decor, Wayne Kesby's Pro-Shop, Windsor Country Golf Club, The Sangdao Family Restaurant at Castle Hill.

## Around The Course

Peter Carey

Over the past month the greens staff have been undertaking the task of 'crown lifting' of all trees on the course. This entails trimming the lower branches of virtually every tree on the course to allow easier access for mowing and to let more light onto the grass under them. Players should appreciate this program too as a side effect is more swing clearance when you stray from the short grass. Having completed this extensive task, over the next couple of weeks we will brush cut around the bases of the trees and then spray them with Roundup weed killer. Recently the garden next to the 17th tee has been replanted with native grasses, fitting in with the look and theme of all existing gardens around the course. All garden areas have also been topped up with fresh mulch over the past weeks. With the weather now cooling down, the growth is slowing down too therefore allowing staff to turn their attention to the many smaller jobs that are hard to get to during the busy summer months such as repainting and repairing soil bins, garbage bins and seats. Reconstruction of the ladies 2nd and 6th tees and the men's 14th tee are programmed for this coming August as is also a major renovation of the bunkers next to the 10th green.

I'd like to take this opportunity to ask all members and guests to please repair their divots and pitch marks, and during this extended wet weather, to please comply with the directional ropes and hoops around the course. We do put them there for a good reason and that is, to protect the course for everyone's benefit.