



Captain's Newsletter - January 2008

I take this opportunity to wish all our Golf members a Happy and successful New Year for 2008. The course is in very good condition, and the greens are being maintained in the best playing conditions taking into consideration the extremely warm summer we are experiencing, and the constant vigilance of the greens staff to avoid the loss of our greens as has occurred in the past, albeit now some 5 years since that has occurred. I know that some concerns are held about water in the bunkers, however this is a by product of the need for summer watering and will improve over time as strategies are put into place regarding the improvement of our bunkers. I would ask all players to be patient and appreciate the fact that they are able to play one of the best maintained Country courses in Northern Victoria and Southern New South Wales, which is testament to the efforts of our contracted Greens staff.

MONTHLY MEDAL VOUCHERS

Due to the generosity of Phil Palhares and the sponsorship of his company Q1 Constructions, the Golf Committee have decided that each monthly medal winner will receive a voucher for \$50. The monthly medal winner will also be entitled to win the prize for the appropriate grade to which the monthly medal player belongs. The Medal of Medallists for the year will be a voucher for \$70. The executive will be meeting shortly to consider the raising of the Prize vouchers for each grade. This is possible because after seven months of operation the SS&AWGC now has a clearer perspective of our financial needs for the effective operations of the Club, and we have no need to accumulate finance, and are of the opinion that we should disperse any surplus back to the members. Once this matter is resolved we will post a new schedule of prizes for all members to see.

SLOW PLAY

Once again I bring to everyone's attention the need for play to be maintained at a reasonable rate to allow all players the maximum enjoyment from their round of golf. It is the responsibility of each group to keep up with the group in front of them, and to not fall behind that group to any significant degree. If your group falls over a hole behind the group in front then you are playing too slowly and should probably call the group behind you through, as you will probably be holding them up. This may seem harsh, but just because you or members of your group are having a bad day does not mean the rest of the field should suffer. Play will be monitored and if any group are identified as continually slow players then they face the prospect of being relegated to hitting off at the tail of the field. Please let's all do our best to not turn me into the bad guy.

2008 GOLF PROGRAMME BOOK

Due to the early planning and hard work put in by Danny Goff and Louise Farrer we are in the position that our programme books will be available by the third week in January. Please pick up your copy from the Pro Shop and please read and use it.

GOLF OFFICE

After negotiations with the SS&A Club the Golf Club is being provided with it's own office in the refurbished Shower room. Golf Club Noticeboards will be located in the Locker room for viewing by members. In closing, please remember that if you have any advice or issue you wish to raise please put it in writing to the Secretary and it will be dealt with as a part of our next business meeting.

Doug Drysdale

Captain