



November 2010 Newsletter

Course Rating

After several rain delays, Golf Australia Representatives completed their task of measuring and rating the degree of difficulty of our course on Monday, 18th October 2010. It took nearly five hours for the team of four (two ladies and two gents) to complete the task. At the time the course had not fully recovered from flooding rain and conditions were in direct contrast to our usual hard and fast course. The G.A. Team recognised this fact.

Measurements were taken for

- Mens Championship
- Mens Standard
- Ladies Standard
- Ladies Championship (not sure of this, but may be same length as the Men's standard course)

Also

- Width of fairways - noting slopes
- Location of bunkers, trees, mounds, water hazards, out of bounds etc. etc.
- Any trees within 30m of greens
- Holes where it is best to lay-up
- Height of rough
- Speed of greens
- Shape and area of greens
- Patches of native grasses

Our own measurements of hole length and green size proved to be almost 100% accurate. To our surprise the G.A. Team worked in American yards, no doubt to work with the American Computer System. All the measurements and data gathered (including perceived degree of difficulty) is to be processed by computer.

Thanks to Karleen Kettleby who answered questions by the G.A. Team from a Ladies perspective.

We have been advised that Golf Australia will let Village Links know of the results of their assessment (and slope rating) in about 3 months time (January 2011). They do not disclose a rating for each individual hole so a decision as to where strokes are taken will remain with our own Committee.

Stay tuned for what happens next!

Four Ball Best Ball - Pelican Waters

Village Links representative team of Lloyd Whitfield and Mike Dormer, although not in their very best form, finished 7th in a large field. WELL DONE. Our other team of Ross Hall and Brett Liebke unfortunately did not get a start due to a fax problem with their entry form.

Village Plate

The 2010 Winners are Russell Pettit and Bob Kelly. Both worthy Honour Board Players. The event itself was somewhat disappointing in that half the scheduled matches were lost on forfeit.

Pennant Season

Village Links has nominated a team in Division 4 and a team in Division 5. Division 4 is for players in the 11-17 handicap range and is played off the stick, whilst Division 5 is a handicapped match play event for players in the 18-25 bracket. If you enjoy visiting other clubs, can play most Sundays and fancy yourself to win a match or two let one of our match play committee know of your interest. The Pennant draw will be on the Notice Board as soon as it becomes available.

Amateur Open

This Event has been rescheduled to **Saturday, 20th November**. The two starting blocks are from 6am to 8:30am and from 11am to 12:30pm. There will be prizes for the Gross Winners, Handicap Winners in 3 divisions and NTP's. The course should be in pretty good shape with the greens fairly fast. A sausage sizzle will be held.

We are looking forward to a successful day. Members are encouraged to bring a friend and put their names on the timesheet ASAP. Competition fees for Members will be \$15 and Visitors \$20.

Xmas Party

Just a reminder that the Christmas Party will be on **Saturday, 11th December** with nibbles at 6pm and dinner at 6:30pm. Santa will visit with presents for Primary School Children (and under). Catering has been ordered for 100. Early bookings will help with arrangements for the night.