



October 2010 Newsletter

Four Ball Best Ball

Congratulations to Ross Hall / Brett Liebke and Lloyd Whitfield / Mike Dormer combinations who have both qualified for the final of the Payscale Old Fourball Championship to be held at Pelican Waters on 18-19 October. Village Links came in second in 2009 - perhaps this time just one place better?

Changes to Handicapping System

As a result of recent changes to the handicapping rules the following will become effective as of Saturday 2nd October 2010.

Players regularly failing to return Cards

Players who fail to return more than 5 cards of their last 20 rounds may have their handicaps withdrawn until an appropriate number of cards have been returned.

Note: Where a player withdraws or does not return a card without reasonable excuse a Penalty score should be entered. (Golf Australia recommends a score of 10 better than the player's handicap.)

Use of non-competition scores for handicapping.

Effective Saturday 2nd October 2010 players may nominate rounds to be recorded for handicap purposes.

- Rounds must be nominated for handicapping prior to play.
- Scores must be submitted as stableford scores.

Score to be nominated at Village Links will be entered in Non-Competition Round Register in the Shop and Cards are to be returned to the Shop. Non-Competition Rounds can only be commenced when Shop is open.

Changes allowing "Most Likely Scores" to be recorded.

- A "most likely score" is the score a player must post for handicap purposes if a hole is started but not completed. The *most likely score* consists of the number of strokes already taken plus, in THE PLAYER's best judgment, the number of strokes they would take to complete the hole from that position more than half the time. *This number of strokes must not exceed two over net par for that hole (ie 0 Stableford points).*
- The listing of a *most likely score* should be preceded by an "X" (for example X-5).

Joke of the Month

Two long time golfers were looking over a river. One golfer looked to the other and said, "Look at those idiots fishin' in the rain."

The Village Plate

This Competition is an Honour Board Event, our only Handicap Match Play decided in two divisions and sponsored by Village Links Pty Ltd. Yes, the four prizes are all plates but rather better than those used at the breakfast table. Many of our well known players have won the plate. It's a pretty good warm up for the next Pennant Season not so far away.

Christmas Party

This year our Christmas Party will be on Saturday, 11th December. Father Christmas is already growing his beard and is so looking forward to seeing the kids again he may sing a ditty or two.

The deal is this. Free drinks while the money lasts. A catered meal including sweets. Presentation of Trophies. Father Christmas gifts to children of primary school age.

Not surprising this is probably our most popular event of the year with over 100 members and guests.



ScoreCards

Always remember

- Handicap must be shown as on our Handicap Board; &
- Player must sign; &
- Marker must sign; &
- You must show last digits of GolfLink number (include full number if playing away from home club); &
- Show the actual gross score for each hole.

Membership

The Club is always seeking new members and very often they come via the introduction of an existing member. To reward members who are instrumental in a new member joining the club, the following will now apply.

New Member joins and is introduced by an existing member.

Excluding joining and affiliation fees, 25% of the amount paid (six or twelve months) will be credited to the nominating member.

The amount of the credit will be deducted from the existing members own renewal fees on the due date. The success or otherwise of this scheme will be reviewed in 12months.