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Official Course Rating Measurements

Golf Queensland official course measurements and ratings have just been made available. Our course has been provided with five separate ratings with men and ladies sharing some tees but with different pars.

Course	Par	Rating
Men's Championship	71	70
Men's Standard	71	69
Ladies Championship	74	75
Ladies Standard	71	72
Men's Short Course	70	67

Our championship USGA rating of 70 now replaces our Australian Course Rating which was also 70. So we should be pleased that the status quo has been maintained. On the up side lady golfers will be far better off.

We had to move all tees 5m from the back or where a tee was too small then to its centre. After a few minor changes the championship course is only 21m shorter. The new back tee on the men's 16th is 208m

New score cards have been ordered in two lots. The first will be a championship card for men and ladies and the second our standard card. Depending on the placement of tee markers appropriate competition cards will be issued.

You will note on the new cards that the men's stroke index has been changed significantly. The order has been adapted in accordance with results achieved at the recent club championships.

This Handicap Business

Oh Dear! Golf Australia says the new handicap system ain't going too good so its gunna be dumped. Golf Australia has found long markers have an advantage over low handicappers. Look at our results and inconsistency seems to be the best long term way of winning a handicap comp. The proposed changes include

- Best 8 of 20 cards (now 10)
- Bonus multiplier 0.96 to 0.93
- Anchor preventing handicap increase more than 4 in a year
- Maximum recorded score men 40 over rating – ladies 50 over

Intended implementation date is 21/9/2011

Golf Australia is considering a host of other related matters which will be announced late November with Autumn 2013 seeing all systems go (including the slope element).

A copy of the implementation plan is on our notice board.

Player of the Month

Pretty easy this time with new club champion Warren Musk a stand out winner. Just because you are the club low marker it doesn't get you a club championship. You have to have good control of yourself as well as the golf ball. Warren did both extremely well over the four Saturdays play. Congratulations.

How everybody finished is detailed on the notice board. Let the scratch matchplay begin and don't forget you need a partner for the foursomes championship coming up soon.

It matters not whether you win or lose; what matters is whether I win or lose.

The reason the pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing.