

Newsletter from the President

Equal Opportunity

Following an approach from Golf Australia, we looked into our policy on this matter and were found to be in line with guidelines. NAGC has been a leader in equal opportunity provisions in the golf world with female committee members and a Lady President in the recent past but we discovered that when the Golf Course took over the scoring system there was an anomaly that has now been altered. We also discovered that many women members were not completely aware that they could book anytime on a Saturday should this be required. This has happened in the past by several players who needed an earlier match than that provided by the women's competition times and booked through the NAGC booking system.

Mi-Club Booking System has now been altered to allow any female member to book in, at the appropriate opening times, for the Saturday competition should they wish to play earlier than that provided for the Women's competition.

If you have any queries please contact Bob Naffin or any member of the committee for clarification.

Golf Course Management - Systems Upgrade.

Please note that a new Point of Sale and Management System will be implemented by the golf course management which will entail the following:

1. LOYALTY cards will be issued to each member which will hold your balances and discount status – a scan will be required when purchasing goods and services. Discounts will be inbuilt on the cards
2. Photos will be included on the card so please cooperate with staff to have your picture taken.
3. You will be UNABLE to access your current card balances from February 3rd - February 14th so please make provision for cash transactions during this period.
4. Login details for online bookings will not change (several exceptions who will be contacted separately) but the only change will be online bookings on Monday 10th February will not be available until the Tuesday.

Overall, the new system will be quicker and more efficient so please be a little patient for the week of Feb 10-16th as the new system is rolled out.

The Golf Course staff will be there to help you.

JUNIOR GOLF

In conjunction with the Golf Course, NAGC is holding a par three competition for all juniors over the next two months at the Par Three Course on Sundays from 2.30 pm.

Term 1 (week 1) 2/2/20
Term 1 (week 3) 16/2/20
Term 1 (week 5) 1/3/20
Term 1 (week 7) 15/3/20
Term 1 (week 9) 29/3/20

All juniors, experienced or beginners are welcome. The entry fee is \$3 per junior and after they have played two matches they will be able to receive a handicap. All players report to the Par Three Kiosk for cards and rules.

Any NAGC members who wish to assist Oscar Moss with this competition are most welcome. Please communicate with Oscar Moss to confirm timing and requirements.

PUBLIC COURSE PENNANTS

We have three teams in the Public Course Pennant and supporters and caddies are welcome.

A list of teams and the playing schedule are available from the club and on the notice board above the kiosk in the foyer as well as the NAGC website under the SA Public Courses Pennant tab in the main menu. We have matches at North Adelaide on Feb 9th and Feb 16th and any support will be welcome.

GOLF COURSE / NAGC MEETINGS

Bob and I met last week with Dominic and Simon (Greenkeeper) re the golf Course etiquette and future work proposed for the course. They have a program for the next 12-18 months and although heavily restricted by budgets they have accepted our suggestions re course improvements for the future.

I think most members will agree that the work done on the course has it in the best condition for many years and although many other works need to be considered we have to be a little patient.

We are hoping that the new putting green, which has experienced a number of unfortunate setbacks, will be open in March.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR FUN DAY

This popular event was eventually held on January 9th and enjoyed once again by those in attendance. Many thanks to Roger Godwin who has spent countless hours in organising this year's event.

SLOW PLAY

Complaints about slow play are constant throughout the season and involve all our competitions throughout the week. Many clubs bring in penalties for such offences but before considering these we are asking all players to complete the actual starting times (not published tee times) and finishing times at the bottom right of the scorecard so that we can analyse where the hold ups are. This will enable this problem to be monitored and hopefully corrected before any other measures are taken. We are working with the golf course staff to control slow play and you may see members of the committee also patrolling the course to correct these problems.

We will also be analysing public groups who play in between our tee-off times to monitor any problems in that area.

CLUB ROOM ETIQUETTE

All members are entitled to be comfortable in the club room atmosphere and with juniors now being fostered and ladies joining in on mixed events I would ask that some members moderate and soften their language so as not to embarrass or cause uneasiness to any other members. It is a simple courtesy to respect all who frequent the clubrooms at any competition.

We have had instances of loud unacceptable language being heard in the Pro-shop and this is a poor reflection on our club. It is also not conducive in attracting new members.

The Clubroom should be a place where all members are comfortable with the atmosphere that prevails.

COMMUNICATION

If you have any queries or issues then please contact myself, Bob Naffin, or the respective Captains, Alan Potts and Laifong Cheong, and we will respond quickly.

Alternate contacts are the Committee Members and listed below are the sub-committees.

Peter Sahb

President NAGC Inc.

Club Committee & Sub Committees

Peter Sahb, President (M:0411440147); Anton Holmes, Vice President, (M:0455955484); Finance and Junior Committee;

Alan Potts (M:0435801670) and Laifong Cheong (M:0421098816) – Club Captains; Bob Henley (Ph. 83363492) and Kerry Wakelin (M: 0422603811) – Vice Captains

Merrilyn Middleton, (M:0418809665) Special Events; Marlene Boundy, (M:0429160006), Finance Committee; Oscar Moss, (M:0497041450) Junior Committee; Frank Ballard, (M:0403436177) Junior Committee and Special events;

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