



SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

Following the February Management Committee meeting it was resolved to send a special newsletter to address certain issues that have come to notice.

1. Cessation of Permanent Bookings for Midweek Competitions

Permanent bookings for Tuesday and Thursday competition will now cease. To allow some time to digest, players will need to book in times commencing for the competition on Thursday 25th March and thereafter. The bookings for Thursday 25th March open at 3:00PM on March 9th. Bookings for subsequent competitions open 16 days before the event at 3:00PM. Tuesday and Thursday competitions up to and including Tuesday 23rd March remain as is.

This follows our own legal discussions and along with recent precedents set at other golf clubs, as permanent bookings are likely to be against the Equal Opportunities Act, can be deemed discriminatory and the cost of legal action to challenge this concept would be exorbitant.

Bookings must now be made by individual members through the Mi-Club system. Group bookings of four players can be made but this system will give every member who wishes to play either day, at a time to suit, an **equal opportunity** to do so. This now conforms to the Saturday competition. Should there be an excess of players wishing to play we will request extra spots from Golf Course Management above our current allocations but this is always determined by the amount of "no-shows" that have been prevalent lately. With changing playing opportunities through the COVID crisis, more players now have the opportunity to play midweek and we must give all members the same opportunities to do so. Coordinators and other persons who run the competitions will be booked in to allow the competition to run smoothly and other exceptions due to compassionate circumstances will be considered. If members make a block booking then please ensure all such members are available to play for that particular day before entering as there have been an increasing number of "no shows" which denies fellow members the opportunity to play.

2. Cashless Payment system

By now I think that most members would have experienced the cashless system and we are continually updating the process and sorting out minor adjustments. Please note that one of our members checked his statement to find that his credit provider had judged the transaction to be a cash withdrawal which incurred additional interest so please check with your provider to ensure additional charges are not incurred and transactions are classed as a purchase.

3. Sign in for Practice or Competition

Please be advised that the Adelaide City Council now have Rangers patrolling the course and any player, NAGC member or public, will be subject to a fine of \$147 if caught on the course without registering at the Pro-shop so please be warned. This applies to North, South and Par Three courses.

4. Member Conduct

Members who display unsportsmanlike conduct by throwing clubs, hurling unnecessary abuse or engaging in other acts that makes playing partners uncomfortable will be subject to disciplinary action. Fellow members do not need to feel uncomfortable through actions of others who show poor self-control and weakness of character. Any actions that damage the course or equipment are subject to rules which carry instant disqualification and fellow members should apply such rules. Golf is a game to be enjoyed by all members without being subject to poor behaviour by others.

Pennant Players and others who engage in verbal intimidation or sarcastic comments to fellow team members about their performance will also be subject to discipline. This is not in the true fabric of behaviour of the NAGC Inc. and such players may be better off in another environment. Club Pennant Captains have a responsibility to ensure all team members play within the spirit of the game and take necessary action if this is required.

5. Prizemoney and Ball Money

The current agreement with the Golf Course Management and a condition of securing our playing agreement was that prizemoney be transferred to players' accounts with the Golf Course for purchase of drinks, food and equipment. Members automatically have \$4 per ball credited to their account if they do not wish to redeem balls after they have accumulated 12 balls. If you want to preserve this amount then contact Bob Naffin, Secretary/Manager. However, some members have considerable amounts in their account and with a limit of \$250 to be allowed against green fees they have excess funds. All members can request vouchers from the Secretary/Manager once they have \$250 in their Golf Course account should they wish to do so.

6. Secretary/Manager's Office

Recently there have been instances of members entering the Secretary/Manager's office without due consideration when meetings are in progress. Please respect the working environment of this office and check that it is acceptable to enter when other people are already in discussion. It is also paramount that all members still respect **Social Distancing** in this closed environment. The Office is always open for member's enquiries but please respect these protocols.

7. Pennant Competition

The final round of pennant will be held this Sunday at North Adelaide and with our three teams all capable of making the finals it would be great to see as many members as possible supporting the teams. If you wish to offer your services as a caddy then I suggest you contact Alan potts who will advise you which players would be grateful for this assistance. Play starts at 11:30AM. Teams who make the finals will play at Penfield Golf Course the following Sunday.

8. Honorary Positions

Expressions of Interest and Applications for the positions of Secretary/Manager, Finance Manager and Communications Manager close on March 5th. Enquiries can be made direct to the President, Peter Sahb, to seek further information.

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