

# THE AVIATOR

*News from  
Aviation Country Club  
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## COURSE UPDATE

### WATER PUMPS FOR THE COURSE

The issues surrounding us in December last year are now behind us and our water supply to the course has been corrected although with the exceptionally wet weather we are experiencing means we have had only one 24 hour period to run our pumps fully.

We are still working with Vector to get the power supply improved but they want us to contribute \$16,561.00 plus GST to the works required. This is being vigorously disputed with them but with the holiday break it has not been resolved yet.

### PITCHMARKS ON THE GREENS

This is probably the greatest issue we have on the course and every day someone grumbles to the office about these. These are especially noticeable given the recent "coring" and also the current inclement weather keeping the greens soft. Almost assuredly if you hit the green from a long or lofted shot from the fairway it is going to leave a pitchmark – so please repair them.

No, it is not just green fee players.

What is the solution????

Every member should be responsible to ensure that people playing in their group at least repair their own pitchmark. This includes non members playing in their group a visitor or a friend included.

A little bit of responsibility by all members to ensure this is done will go some way to reducing the grumbles.

## Mounds at 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

The blue lines on these mounds have caused some confusion so the local rule covering these has been removed to be replaced with the following "local rule".

'A ball landing on a BARE area of dirt on the mounds at 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> fairways may be lifted and dropped (not placed – unless in terms of Golf rules about dropping a ball) one club length no nearer to the hole without penalty. This is not compulsory as you may play the ball as it lies.'

## 8<sup>th</sup> Green

In an attempt to look after the grass (recently replaced) area between the top left hand bunker at the 8<sup>th</sup> green and the green itself it is not to be used as a walkway. Please do not ignore the ropes when in place. Even if no ropes are in place we would appreciate members not walking through this area. This includes no access for trundlers in this area. Member's co-operation is appreciated.

## "QUOTABLE QUOTE"

"The most exquisitely satisfying act in the world of golf is that of throwing a club. The full backswing, the delayed wrist action, the flowing follow-through, followed by that unique whirring sound, reminiscent of a passing flock of birds, are without parallel in sport."  
(Henry Longhurst)



### Catholic or not have a laugh at this one



A Catholic priest and a nun were taking a rare afternoon off and enjoying a round of golf. The priest stepped up to the first tee and took a mighty swing. He missed the ball entirely and said "Shit, I missed."

The good Sister told him to watch his language.

On his next swing, he missed again. Shit, I missed."

"Father, I'm not going to play with you if you keep swearing" the nun said tartly.

The priest promised to do better and the round continued.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> tee, he misses again. The usual comment followed.

Sister is really mad now and says, "Father John, God is going to strike you dead if you keep swearing like that."

On the next tee, Father John swings and misses again. Shit, I missed."

A terrible rumble is heard and a gigantic bolt of lightning comes out of the sky and strikes Sister Marie dead in her tracks.



And from the sky comes a booming voice



"SHIT, I MISSED."

## **HOLE IN ONE – ACCOLADES**

<b>26 December 2011</b>	<b>Kamz MOORE</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>4 January 2012</b>	<b>Ravi RAJAN</b>	<b>9</b>

**Congratulations go to these members for this achievement.**

## **GOLF COMMITTEE**

### **2012 Programme/Diary**

These are now available having been received on Christmas Eve. Everyone is entitled to a copy and these can be obtained from the Office, Shop or Bar. We would appreciate if members would only take one each.

### **Rules of Golf 2012 - 2015**

The latest book on the Rules of Golf is available and can be collected from the Office, Shop or Bar.

We have been supplied with only enough copies for 1 copy per member and we respectfully ask members to please only take one copy. Thank you.

### **Opening Days**

<b>Men's and Juniors</b>	<b>Sunday 15 January 2012</b>
<b>Saturday Women</b>	<b>Saturday 21 January 2012</b>
<b>Wednesday Women</b>	<b>Wednesday 25 January 2012</b>

### **Men's Golf**

Opening Day - Summer Foursomes including juniors – 2 tee start  
Pick your own partner  
Alternate shots, alternate tees  
This will be the haggle also on the day - \$5.00 plus \$1.00 for trophy event  
Best net over 18 holes

Entry to Summer Foursomes is optional but there will be no haggle for members who just wish to play normal golf.

### **Course Etiquette**

Over the last few months we have received several complaints from members and visitors who have been hit up on by the group behind and verbally abused with foul language by players wanting to play through.

We would like to ask members to please exercise some level of constraint in this regard especially when the course is busy as it has been over the last couple of months.

There is **NO** right to play through unless invited to do so by the group in front.

In terms of who has the rights on the course is determined by the pace of play (page 20 of the latest Rules of Golf). No group should be larger than 4 players and each player must have their own set of golf clubs. If you are on your own and using one of our carts this does not mean you can play speed golf and expect everyone in front of you to give way.

We also urge members who see players behind them waiting regularly, that if it is possible, to please let them play through.

Remember to "Stay just behind the group in front **not** just in front of the group behind"

A little patience and etiquette by all members is a commonsense approach to solving this issue.

## HOOKS AND PULLS

We have received a notification from the Airport company that they have had a complaint from one of their tenants (J A Russell) in Jimmy Ward Crescent, which runs parallel to our 17<sup>th</sup> fairway, about wayward golf balls.

Some have hit them on the full and damaged a car and a recent one rolled through their front door.

This is brought to our members' attention and we ask that members please take care when driving off from the 17<sup>th</sup> tee (if you are a hooker then please allow for this when you take your stance).

Thank you

## "QUOTABLE QUOTE" -

If you believe in what you're doing, say so loudly and proudly.  
If you don't, keep your mouth shut because a halfhearted opinion is worse than no opinion at all. (from Claude's Pearls)

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