

AUGUST CAPTAIN'S CHATTER

Pennant Golf

The Men's Masters Pennant team won their Illawarra division and progressed to Sydney. In their first game they played Toukley GC at Oatlands and won to progress to the quarter finals. They travelled to Bayview GC to play last year's winners Liverpool GC. They lost this match, which was no mean feat given that Liverpool's highest handicap was 2.8!!!

Well done to all players on another highly successful year!

Golf for August

- Ladies 1/8/18: Ladies Monthly Medal
 8/8/18: Invitation Day - Team Stableford best 3 of 4
 22/8/18: Captain v President - 4BBB Stroke Matchplay
- Men's 4/8/18: Monthly Medal
 14/7/18: McGrath Foundation Day, for more details visit ladies golf page <https://www.kiamagolfclub.com.au/golf/ladies-golf/>
- Mixed 12/8/18: 4BBB Stableford
 26/8/18: Mixed American Foursomes
- Veterans 14/8/18: Vets Open Day

Men's Match Play Championships

The Qualifying for Men's Club Match Play Championships will be held next Saturday in conjunction with the September Monthly Medal.

The top 8 "GROSS" scores, in each Grade who place "YES" on their card will qualify for the seeded draw.

Competition Dates:

- Qualifying - Saturday 1st September
- Round 1 - Saturday 29th September
- Semi Finals - Saturday 27th October
- Finals - Saturday 17th November

8th HOLE RULE CHANGE

After substantial research on rule options for the 8th hole the Match Committee have decided on an option that will conform with the new rules being introduced in 2019. It will be a "local rule" till December.

In 2019 all hazard rules will change and "penalty areas" will be played as in the current red relief scenario. In 2019 if a player hits the ball from the greenside of the hazard on the 8th hole the player will be able to drop it on the green side just no nearer to the hole.

Relaxed rules for "penalty areas" will be introduced. Red and yellow-marked penalty areas may cover areas of desert, jungle, rock, ornamental gardens etc.,

New Local Rule

1. The ornamental garden behind the 8th green will be clearly identified with yellow stakes.
2. This makes the ornamental garden a “penalty area” and a 1 shot penalty applies for any ball landing in that area..
3. A drop zone will be designated on the eastern side of the green at the foot of the up slope. This drop zone will not be “mandatory” but just an additional option for the player.
4. Players need to remember that if they choose to drop outside the “penalty area” they cannot drop nearer to the hole than where their ball landed.

This rule will commence on Saturday 4th August, 2018.

Rules of Golf

For the past five years golf's governing bodies have been working on a makeover of the Rules of Golf. As of 1 January 2019, the results of the first fundamental Rules review in 34 years come into effect. So with the aid of a range of simple videos, Golf Australia has presented the main changes.

These videos and explanations are expected to have the most impact on the game and be of most interest to golfers. They're organised into eight categories and, within each item, you will find the main reasons for the change.

If you would like to view these videos, please click here:

<http://www.golf.org.au/newrules>

But remember, they aren't in place until the New Year, but it will pay to become familiar with them in advance.

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