

September Captains Chatter

Golf Results for August

Pennant Golf

What a year for Kiama Golf!!! Last weekend the Junior Pennant team won the Illawarra Pennant again. They played The Links at Shellcove and won 4 -2. Congratulations to Will Daibara and his team for another great effort. They will now go on and contest the NSW championship. Last weekend the Men's Masters Pennant team lost their Illawarra division final to Port Kembla. That makes 5 winning teams out of 8 for the 2018 season!

Congratulations to all those who represented the club in these events you have "done us proud".

Ladies Golf

Tweed Heads Week of Golf

Members of our golf club travelled to Coolangatta Tweed Heads recently to participate in their week of golf. Kiama Golf Club was well represented and were very successful. Competing in the NSW Vets Shield, Kiama men took out the top three places 1st: Barry Cook, 2nd: Paul McTackett, 3rd: Garry Johnson. Gary was also first in Division 1 and Paul first in Division 2. Paul and Judy McTackett also won the Mixed 4 ball. Everyone had a terrific week, enjoying great company and a terrific golf course. Well done to all the winners.

Golf for September

Ladies 5/8/18: Ladies Foursomes Championships
 12/8/18: Peterborough Charity Day
 19/8/18: Ladies Monthly Medal

Men's 1/8/18: Monthly Medal

Mixed 9/8/18: 2 Person Ambrose
 22/8/18: Minnamurra Bowl
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Veterans 11/8/18: Vets Open Day

Men's Match Play Championships

The Qualifying for Men's Club Match Play Championships will be held 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
 Final - Saturday 17th November

Minnamurra Bowl

This event is on 22nd and 23rd September and has our biggest Mixed field of the year. Golfers from Sydney and country areas of NSW enter so it would be good to see a large number of locals playing.

You need a Team of 4 to compete for great trophies.

Entry forms are available in the foyer.

Handskins

Don't forget the final 3 qualifying rounds will be held in September. Dates for September rounds and final are listed below:

Saturday 8th September

Saturday 15th September

Final - Saturday 29th September

Preferred Lies

There has been some discussion by members about introducing "Preferred Lies".

We held a meeting last week with David, Mark and Stewart to discuss this issue.

Following an inspection of the course it was agreed by all present that at this stage Preferred Lies are not warranted. Glen Whiteford, as acting Greens Chairperson was also consulted.

There are certainly some areas of the course showing stress but all fairways are still in reasonable condition.

Recent frosts have also impacted on the visual presentation of the course.

With the rain we have had over the weekend and recycled water hopefully being restored in the near future we hope this issue will be resolved.

Both the Match Committee and the Greens committee are in constant contact with the greens staff (at least weekly). The condition of the course is always at the top of the agenda.

Rest assured that everyone is working toward having the course in the best possible condition and any further deterioration could lead to Preferred Lies being introduced.

The issue of divots is a rule of golf which we are unable to change and therefore needs to be treated as a separate issue.

Registration Required to View Handicaps

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

How to register. The first time you use the handicapping service on www.golf.org.au from Tuesday 4 September you will automatically be presented with a short on-line form that you will need to enter a few details into (including your email address).

Who can register. There will be no restrictions on who can register to use the handicapping service on www.golf.org.au.

Remaining continually logged-in. You will be able to avoid having to log-in each time you want to view your handicap on the same device – once you have logged-in to the handicap-view pages, you will be able to remain logged-in on that device into the future (unless its security or 'cookie' settings are at a very high level).

Accessing multiple handicap records. Once logged-in to www.golf.org.au under your new personal log-in, you will be able to view the handicap history of any golfer you know the GOLF Link number of, without needing their email address.

I regularly use my club's website, app, or software system to enter competitions, or to book tee times, or to view competition results, etc. If I stay

within my club's website, app, or software system will I have to operate the new log-in process?

No. The new log-in process will only apply when you use www.golf.org.au to access handicap or score history information. Nothing will change when you remain within your club's website, app, or software system.

However if you access the www.golf.org.au handicapping service by clicking on a link from within your club's website, app, or software system, then you will be exiting your club's system and you will be using www.golf.org.au to access handicap or score history information. If you do this you will need to operate the new log-in process.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: Golf Australia info@golf.org.au

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