

## **CAPTAIN'S CHATTER**

### **Golf for January**

Ladies There is a competition for Ladies every Wednesday and Saturday

Men's - 5/1/19: Monthly Medal  
- 12/1/19: Stableford (Vets in Conj)  
- 19/1/19: 4 Ball Split 6  
- 26/1/19: 4BBB v Par

Mixed - 6/1/19: 4BBB Stableford  
- 27/1/19: Presidents Day – 2 Person Ambrose

Veterans - 12/1/19: Vets Open Day

Special - 13/1/19: VW Scramble

### **New Rules**

All members should be aware by now that changes to the Rules of Golf came into effect on 1st January 2019.

The majority of changes are aimed at speeding up the game of golf.

Please ensure you are up to date with all the changes. There are free rule books available at the Pro Shop and you can access videos on line that explain all the changes. If you open up Golf Australia to check your Club handicap you will see a link to the rule videos. You can also go to [www.golf.org.au/newrules](http://www.golf.org.au/newrules) to view the videos.

Accompanying these changes, there will also be a new set of "Local Rules". We have revised our rules and sent them to Golf Australia for review. Thank you to Glen Whiteford who has undertaken the review process.

There are no significant changes and the new rules will be posted on the Board next to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee and will also appear on the next lot of scorecards.

Players should note that the Match Committee has decided NOT to implement the rule allowing players a drop on the fairway (2 penalty strokes) if their ball goes out of bounds. This means if you are uncertain your ball is "in play" you should play a provisional.

### **CARTS**

There are some members driving carts who insist on driving close to greens and across tees. Please be aware that club etiquette expects you to set an example. Carts MUST be kept to paths where possible and at least 10 metres from greens. Failure to do so may result in the suspension of offending members by the Match Committee.

A new "Cart Policy" is currently being developed and will be implemented in early 2019.

### **"Gimmes"**

It has been brought to the Match Committee's attention that the practice of players conceding a putt to another player in a competitive round has been occurring.

A putt can only be conceded in "Match Play" format.

Both Senior and Junior members have been observed to be guilty of this practice.

It is the marker's responsibility to ensure that all players putt out in a competitive round.

Players found guilty of this can expect action to be taken by the Match Committee.

**Juniors and Competition**

Kiama Golf Club's policy is for Juniors (under 18) to play with members. This is not always possible to apply.

The reason for doing this is to ensure that juniors learn the correct etiquette and have a thorough understanding of the rules.

If you are asked to change your group to include a junior your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Bruce Tapp (Captain)